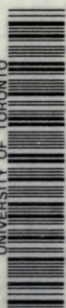


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INTRODUCTION.

LETTER-BOOK E, otherwise known as the White Book of Memoranda,¹ carries us down from A.D. 1313 to 1337. The book, as already narrated,² was for "a long season" lost to the City, and was only recovered through the good offices of a Common Serjeant of Henry VIII.'s time, and the disbursement by the civic authorities of the sum of 20s.—no inconsiderable sum in those days.

The period covered by the volume cannot be said to be lacking in interest, embracing, as it does, the last years of the struggle of Edward II. with the Earl of Lancaster and the Ordainers; the rise and fall of the Despensers, who had succeeded to the royal favour enjoyed by Gavestone; the renewal of the war with Scotland, which affected the citizens of London by the repeated calls it entailed for money and men; the King's deposition and tragic death, and the accession of his son, Edward III.; the disgrace of Queen Isabella, and the fall of her paramour Mortimer. Nevertheless, it may be doubted if any of these events exercised the minds of the citizens at large so much as the proceedings of the Justiciars sent by Edward II. to hold an *Itier* at the Tower in 1321, or the commercial policy pursued by Edward III.

The war with Scotland was resumed in 1314, notification of the King's purpose being made to the City by a writ addressed to the Mayor and Sheriffs from Peterborough, bidding them take steps for preserving peace within their walls during his absence in the North.³ The campaign proved a disastrous one, for in June the battle of Bannockburn was fought, the King was defeated, and the flower of the English army made

¹ *Infra*, p. 304.

² See 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' Introduction, pp. ii, iii.

³ *Infra*, p. 25.

prisoners by Bruce. In the following November, as we have already seen,¹ the City was called upon to furnish a number of arbalesters equipped with cross-bows, quarels, "quyvres," &c., for the defence of Berwick-on-Tweed.

The time was somewhat inopportune for asking the citizens to forego their prescriptive rights² by furnishing a contingent to serve beyond the City and its liberties, seeing that as recently as the 24th October the King had threatened to send his Justices into the City to inquire into the conduct of every Sheriff and Sheriff's officer who had held office since his accession to the throne, and had even gone so far as to bid the Sheriffs for the time being to discharge every subordinate, whether of Mayor or Sheriff, who had been employed during that period, pending such inquiry.³ That the King's Justices should presume to enter the Guildhall and intermeddle in matters which "by ancient custom" could only be determined by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs for the time being was too flagrant a breach of the City's liberties to be allowed to pass unchallenged, and a formal complaint was made which led to the Justices adjourning the session and not appearing again.⁴

Notwithstanding the increased friction that must have been caused by this high-handed action on the part of the King, the citizens responded readily to the call to arms, and dispatched 120 men (whose names have been handed down to us)⁵ to Berwick, their equipment being forwarded by horses and carts, a journey occupying seventeen days.

Four years later the City was called upon to furnish a contingent of 500 foot soldiers for Scotland. In April, 1318, the Scots had taken Berwick, and stress of circumstances had induced the King to meet the Barons at St. Paul's and to enter into a reconciliation.⁶ In the following August two writs⁷ were

¹ 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 308-310.

² Formally recognized in after years by the King himself. See letters patent dated 12 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321]. Cf. *infra*, pp. 99, 153-4, 155.

³ *Infra*, p. 40.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 41.

⁵ 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 309-310.

⁶ 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' i. 282.

⁷ Dated respectively 12 and 16 Aug. *Infra*, p. 93.

dispatched to the civic authorities in quick succession to prepare the force required. John de Wengrave, the Mayor, lost no time in summoning the Aldermen and Commonalty, and after due consideration it was agreed to provide 200 men, every citizen of the better class being called upon to supply a soldier. Although the number agreed upon fell far short of that required, we read of no complaints being made on that score. In this case we not only have the names of the soldiers recorded, but the names of the citizens who were responsible for finding them.¹ One individual, Richard de Walyngford by name, who hindered the business of raising the contingent in some way or other not recorded, was promptly committed to prison.² The force was placed under two officers or "centurions"—each having 100 men under him—named Roger atte [or "de la"] Water and Manekyn le "Heaumer," or helmet-maker.

By November the danger in the North had for a while passed away, and by the 12th December the City had welcomed back its soldiers. Their conduct in the field had been such as to call forth a letter of commendation from the King, who promised that the City's having borne the expense of raising the contingent should not become a precedent.³

The war was not by any means at an end. In the following March (A.D. 1319) the City was asked for a loan of 1,000 marks to assist the King against the Scots. The money was granted under certain conditions,⁴ and entrusted to William de Hakeford and John de Waldeshof to carry to Scotland, the King providing them with letters of protection.⁵ Waldeshof had only recently become a freeman of the City, the freedom having been conferred upon him, together with an annuity of 100s., in recognition of his services at the Parliament held at York in the preceding October (1318),⁶ as well as his services as

¹ *Infra*, pp. 93-6.

² *Infra*, p. 91.

³ *Infra*, pp. 98, 99.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 37.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 103.

⁶ He does not appear as one of the

City members in this or any Parliament, although his name figures in a "commission" of the City for the Parliament that sat at York in the following May (1319). *Vide infra*, pp. 104-5.

a lawyer. On that occasion he promised a faithful continuation of his services to the City.¹ A few years later—viz., in 1322—we find him occupying a high legal office, viz., that of sworn Serjeant of the City, and at the same time in disgrace with his fellow-citizens for opposing a further grant of an aid to the King for the war in Scotland and stirring up strife. His conduct having been represented to the Mayor and Aldermen, an order for his attachment was issued, but before it could be executed he had made his escape from the City. He was condemned in his absence to lose his freedom and annuity, and was never again to plead in the Courts as counsel for the City or any other client.²

The troubles with Scotland had kept Edward II. so much employed in the North that for fifteen months—viz., from October, 1318, to January, 1320—the Court remained at York. From that city were dated the King's letters patent of the 8th June, 1319, sanctioning certain "New Articles" which the citizens of London had striven long and hard to obtain, and then only obtained at a cost of a large sum of money.³ These articles are set out in the Letter-Book,⁴ as well as an Inspecimus Charter of even date confirming the City's liberties.⁵

Of these articles I do not propose to take notice beyond directing attention to the article which declares that the Chamberlain, the Common Clerk (*i.e.*, Town Clerk), and the Common Serjeant should be chosen by the Commonalty of the City and be removed at the will of the said Commonalty. It is remarkable that hitherto there appear to have been two distinct Chamberlains in the City—viz., the King's Chamberlain, known as *Camerarius* (or *Captor*) *vinorum Regis*, otherwise the King's Butler, and *ipso facto* the City Coroner (an officer appointed not by the City, but by the King), and the City's Chamberlain, or Chamberlain of the Guildhall; whereas after 1319 the former

¹ *Infra*, p. 20.

² *Infra*, pp. 31-2.

³ *Infra*, pp. 59-60, 104, 134, 172.
Cf. Aungier, 'French Chron.' (Riley's translation), p. 252.

⁴ Fos. xc-xc b.

⁵ Fos. cix-cxi b.

ceases to appear in the City's records in his style and title of Chamberlain, although surviving as King's Butler and Coroner.¹

After the King had returned from France, whither he had gone in the summer of 1320 to do homage to the King of France for Aquitaine, he summoned a Parliament to meet at Westminster on the 6th October.² The whole country was in a disturbed state at the time, and an investigation was demanded as to various confederations for breach of the peace. The City itself was not spared. On the 20th November a writ was dispatched to the Sheriff to make preparation for an *Iter* to be held at the Tower by the King's Justiciars on the 14th Jan., 1321.³

An account of this memorable *Iter*—compiled in all probability by Andrew Horn, the first City Chamberlain elected after the "New Articles" had received the King's sanction—is given at considerable length in the 'Liber Custumarum,'⁴ although but few references are made to it in the Letter-Book. The Judges continued to sit almost without intermission until the 18th March, inquiring into every petty grievance and the smallest detail of civic government⁵ before turning their attention to the

¹ The distinction between the King's Chamberlain and the City's Chamberlain was lost sight of by the editor in his Introduction to 'Calendar of Letter-Book B.' All the Chamberlains recorded in the 'Liber Custumarum' (i. 239-46) between 4 Edward I. and 14 Edward II.—viz., Gregory de Rokesle, Matthew de Columbariis, Adam de Rokesle, William Trente, Henry de Say, Walter de Waldeshof, and Stephen de Abindone—were the King's Chamberlains, the City Chamberlains for the same period being Stephen de Mundene, Hugh Motun, William de Betoyne, John de Dunstaple and Simon de Paris (conjunctly), Nicholas Picot, Richard Poterel, Luke de Haveryng, John le Mazeliner, John Dode, and Thomas Prentiz. A list of City Chamberlains from the earliest times to the

present day appeared in the *City Press* of 15 Nov., 1902, compiled by the Rev. A. B. Beaven, whose name is a sufficient guarantee for its completeness and accuracy.

² *Infra*, pp. 130, 134.

³ *Infra*, p. 138.

⁴ Rolls Series, i. 285-432.

⁵ In the words of the editor of the 'Liber Custumarum' the commission of the Judges was doubtless of very considerable latitude, "for it seems to have admitted of their listening to complaints of every description, and against every class of persons, from Earls and Barons, Deans and Chapters, down to vintners, poulterers, and old-clothes-men, and no matter how frivolous, if they were only in the humour." 'Liber Cust.,' vol. i., *Introd.*, pp. xcix-c.

more serious business of Pleas of the Crown, and then an adjournment took place until a fortnight after Easter. When the Session was resumed it was soon apparent that a change had come over the Justiciars. They no longer—so runs the record—behaved like wolves eager for their prey, but were very lambs,¹ this change of front being accounted for by a threatened rising in the Marches under the Earl of Hereford. A deputation from the City had in the meantime waited on the King at his command, and a letter under the Common Seal had been entrusted to William de Hakeford (already mentioned), desiring his favour touching a *Quo Warranto* and other writs pending at the *Iler*,² and this may also have had something to do with the changed attitude of the Justiciars. However this may be, the *Iler* continued to drag along until Tuesday, the 30th June, on which day “all the bills and assizes were quashed and annulled, so that no pleas were pleaded except Pleas of the Crown and *Quo Warranto* such as were to be pleaded throughout, by precept of the King,” the reason given being that the citizens had complained to the lord the King himself that they could not safeguard the City, owing to the business and turmoil of the *Iler*.³ Four days later (4 July) the *Iler* was brought somewhat suddenly to a close, having lasted, to the great annoyance of the citizens, twenty-four weeks and three days.⁴

One of the matters for inquiry which had occupied the attention of the Justiciars, and led to disastrous consequences for the City, was an “appeal,” originally made in 1314 by the widow of Robert de Brome de Lappeworthe against Henry de Braundestone and Edmund Wolmer for having caused the death of her husband. Wolmer absconded, and was not to be found, whilst Braundestone was allowed to find sureties for his appearance at the next *Iler*, “according to the custom of the City.” This custom of allowing citizens appealed for death to find

¹ “Qui cum quasi leones parati ad prædam ante Pascham exhibissent, nunc, versa vice quasi agni vicissim facti sunt.” ‘Liber Cust.’ i. 383-4.

² *Infra*, p. 139.

³ ‘Liber Cust.’ i. 425.

⁴ *Ibid.*, i. 285.

sureties for appearance was questioned by the King, who summoned the Mayor and Aldermen to come and certify him on the point. At first the summons was without effect. It is doubtful if it ever came into the hands of the Mayor and Aldermen. At length, however, they appeared and satisfied the King as to the validity of the custom, and the King's Justiciars were enjoined to allow the citizens all their ancient privileges, the widow being left to prosecute her suit at the next *Iter*, as already narrated.

Thus much in the Letter-Book. The matter, however, was not allowed to rest here. From the record of the proceedings of the *Iter* of 1321 in the City's 'Liber Custumarum'² we learn that on the thirty-fourth day of the *Iter*, *i.e.*, the 16th February, a presentment was made to the Justiciars to the effect that at the time Braundestone stood appealed for death he was not a freeman of the City, but that John de Gisors, who was then Mayor, knowing him to be so appealed, received him into the freedom for a sum of money in order that he might exercise the privilege of a citizen, and be replevined until the next *Iter*, and further, that the said Mayor caused his name to be inscribed on the Chamberlain's roll with others under a false date, so that his admission should appear to have taken place prior to the felony. In defence, Gisors alleged that Braundestone had been admitted to the freedom a month before the felony, and on this point he claimed a jury. A jury came and gave a verdict against him. Thereupon the Justiciars declared the custom abolished, and the Mayoralty taken into the King's hand, whilst they ordered Gisors into custody. The erstwhile Mayor, however, was soon released on mainprise at the King's intervention, and eventually got off on payment of a fine of 100 marks, whilst the felon recovered his liberty on surety in the following November.

Towards the close of the *Iter* a presentment was made to the Justiciars to the effect that certain Phelipers or Fripperers—men who dealt in old clothes, second-hand furniture, and other goods—were in the habit of exposing their wares for sale by night

¹ *Infra*, pp. 34-6.

² Rolls Series, i. 371-4.

on Cornhill—in other words, holding an “evecheping”—in contravention of the ordinance which declared that no such market should be held except from sunrise until the hour of noon and not later.¹ Such conduct being calculated to foster deceit and to give opportunity for felonies, the Fripperers were enjoined not to expose their old clothes, shoes, and other wares for sale in future after the hour of vespers.

Some attempt appears to have been made on the part of the Fripperers to get this order set aside, for on the 15th July a writ of *certiorari* was sent to the Justiciars, who had but recently terminated their *Itē*, to inform the King as to the nature of the presentment made against the Fripperers. The attempt, if made, proved abortive, for a fortnight later (30 July) the King directed his writ to the Sheriffs to make proclamation enforcing the order of the Justiciars.² Here again we find the Letter-Book and the ‘*Liber Custumarum*’ supplementing each other, the former telling us that the orders of the Justiciars as well as of the King were alike disregarded by the Fripperers, who continued to sell their wares at an unlawful time. The Sheriffs were thereupon directed by the King to investigate the matter and punish the offenders. A jury was accordingly summoned, and a large number of both sexes were found guilty of unlawfully exposing their wares, whilst others were convicted of abetting them and disturbing the King’s peace. This was in September (1321). Nothing, however, by way of punishment of the offenders appears to have been done until December, when the Sheriffs received another writ, which induced them to take more strenuous measures, and a few fripperers were committed to prison until discharged by fine.³

The Cappers of London were another body that fell foul of the Justiciars, being called upon to explain by what authority they made regulations for the making of caps, and caused caps made contrary to such regulations to be burnt.⁴ But the Cappers

¹ See ‘Cal. Letter-Book D,’ p. 229.

² ‘Liber Cust.,’ i. 426-7.

³ *Infra*, pp. 156-9.

⁴ ‘Liber Cust.,’ i. 428-32. Cf. *infra*, p. 87.

in this respect were no worse off than the Vinfners, Fishmongers, Butchers, and others, who were all made to feel more or less the heavy hand of Hervey de Stanton and his fellow-justices.¹

A few months after the Justiciars had quitted the Tower the question arose as to what kind of compensation should be made to those who had served on the various juries during the *Itier*. It was no less a hardship in those days than now for merchants to be called away from their daily business to serve on a jury. In this case the juries had sat for many weeks in succession. A meeting of the citizens was held to discuss the matter, when it was decided to raise a sum of £1,000 by assessment, out of which Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, was to receive 200 marks, Reginald de Conduit, one of the Sheriffs, half that sum, and the jurors were to be compensated out of the residue.² Pity for the juryman did not stop here, for the King himself, who was particularly desirous to keep well with the City at this juncture, gave orders to the Justiciars who had held the *Itier* to defray the reasonable expenses of the jurors, as had been accustomed at other *Itiers*.³

Early in the following year—viz., on the 20th January, 1322—we find the Mayor explaining to the King by letter⁴ the reason for the delay that had apparently taken place in proceeding to outlaw those who had been put in *exigent* at the *Itier*. The custom of the City demanded that such persons should be formally called at three separate Hustings if they were English, and four Hustings if foreigners.⁵ As the Court of Husting only sat fortnightly, and held no session between 1st August and 13th October,⁶ some months elapsed before the necessary Courts were held. The Mayor was now able to inform the King that the customary formalities had been gone through, and nothing remained but to proceed to outlawry⁷ if he would accord his permission.

The City having been taken into the King's hand on the

¹ *Infra*, pp. 141, 143; 'Liber Cust.', i. 385-405, 406, 411-15.

² *Infra*, p. 148.

³ *Infra*, pp. 149-50.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 156.

⁵ 'Liber Cust.', i. 334. Cf. 'Liber Albus,' i. 86.

⁶ 'Liber Cust.', i. 334.

⁷ Outlawry took place in the Folk-moot. 'Liber Albus,' i. 86.

23rd Feb., 1321, Farndone was deposed from the Mayoralty and the office committed to Sir Robert de Kendale, his commission being publicly read in the Guildhall the same day.¹ After a brief suspension of their liberties, however, the citizens were again permitted to elect a Mayor, and in May Hamo de Chigwelle, who had filled the office in 1319-20, was again elected.² Some limitation, however, appears to have been placed upon the restored Mayoralty, for in January, 1322, the citizens prayed the King to restore it "in the same state as before the taking of the City into his hand." To this the King replied by permitting them to enjoy the Mayoralty as it then was (*in statu quo*) until the quinzaine of Easter.⁴ It does not appear to have been fully restored before the 6th November, 1326.⁵

Be this as it may, the restoration of the Mayoralty in May, 1321, such as it was, synchronized curiously with a recrudescence of the trouble between the King and his favourites, the Despensers, father and son, on the one part, and the so-called "contrarians" on the other. Early in July matters were coming to a crisis. A strong party had been formed against the favourites, and they had been forcibly ousted from the possessions they had unlawfully seized in Wales.⁶ The King became nervous, and sent for the Mayor and Aldermen to learn if he could depend upon their safeguarding the City on his behalf. They were able to satisfy him as to the loyalty of the citizens, and a scheme was drawn up for the City's defence which met with his approval. The keys of the City gates were put in commission, and certain wards deputed to guard each gate as well as the river and London Bridge.⁷ On the 15th July Parliament met,⁸ and shortly afterwards the disaffected lords made overtures to the City by letter. The letter was delivered to the Mayor and Aldermen as they sat in the Husting, and on its receipt they rose and went up into the Chamber of the Guildhall for the purpose of discussing it.

¹ 'Liber Cust.' i. 378.

² *Infra*, p. 144.

³ *Infra*, p. 155.

⁴ Rymer, 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 473.

⁵ *Vide infra*, p. 214.

⁶ 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. pp. 292-3.

⁷ *Infra*, pp. 141-3.

⁸ Nicholas de Farndone, the recently deposed Mayor, was one of those sent to represent the City. *Infra*, p. 145.

They lost no time in asking the King's advice upon the matter, who told them to hold no intercourse with the lords, but to continue to hold the City for him as they had promised. Thereupon the Earl of Hereford, Roger Mortimer of Wigmore, and other "contrarians" drew nearer to the City and took up their quarters, some at Clerkenwell, others at Holborn and the New Temple, and others in Smithfield. On Wednesday, 29th July, they again sent to the Mayor asking for an interview, and again the Mayor consulted the King, who no longer refused permission. The Recorder of the City, Robert de Swalclive, was accordingly selected to go with other good men the following day to meet the lords at the Earl of Lancaster's hostel in Holborn. There they interviewed the Earl of Hereford, who received them with all courtesy, and explained the aim and object of himself and his associates. They had come, he said, for the benefit of the King and the realm, and were bent on overthrowing the Despensers and their accomplices, who led the King astray, and were responsible for the recent *Ille* at the Tower for the purpose of injuring the City. Having listened to the Earl's statement, the Recorder and those with him asked for a week's delay in order to consult with the Mayor and Commonalty. This was granted, and the matter having been submitted to an assembly composed of twelve representatives from each of the wards and duly considered, it was resolved once again to seek the advice of the King. A deputation accordingly waited on the King on Thursday, the 6th August, but no answer was vouchsafed until the next day, when the King expressed a desire that the citizens would "not pledge themselves to maintain any quarrels," and declared his own wish to be to destroy every enemy, even though it were his own brother or son. The next day—viz., Saturday, 8th August—the City gave in its answer to the Barons at the Priory of St. Bartholomew in Smithfield. It

¹ The proceedings here related which led up to this reply on the part of the City are not recorded in the Letter-Book, but the reply itself is recorded (*infra*, p. 143). It bears

no date, but was evidently presented to the Barons on 8th August—not 1st August, as stated inadvertently by the editor of the 'Chron. of Edward I. and II.' (i. 296).

was to the effect that the Aldermen and good folk of the City wished them well, and prayed them to take no notice of evil reports of the City's attitude that were abroad. The writers declared further that they would give no assistance to the Despensers or to any other enemies of the King and country, and would not oppose any measures the Barons took for the good of the King and the realm. Finally, they prayed the Barons not to take it in bad part that the City was guarded night and day, for it was done in self-defence and for preservation of the King's peace as well as for the Barons themselves. With this answer the Barons expressed themselves satisfied. A week later (14 Aug.) they had brought the King to submission. A formal sentence of forfeiture and exile was passed in Parliament upon the Despensers, and a grant of pardon made to the prosecutors for all breaches of the law committed in bringing the accused to justice.

When the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude (28 Oct.) came round, and it behoved the citizens, under ordinary circumstances, to elect their Mayor for the year ensuing, Chigwelle was re-elected in the presence of "a very great commonalty." It is possible that the King's wishes may have been consulted in the matter, as stated by more than one chronicler, although there is no suggestion of royal influence having been brought to bear on the election as recorded in the City's Archives.¹ Instead of riding to Westminster the next day, as was then customary, to be admitted to office, Chigwelle introduced the novelty of going and returning by water.²

¹ See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 31n. Cf. the King's writ of Privy Seal, dated "Boxle," 25 Oct., granting permission to elect a Mayor, to which was added his *mandamus* to the Barons of the Exchequer to admit as Mayor the individual whom the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty should nominate. Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 458.

² 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. p. 298. The custom of going by water to Westminster was established by order of the Common Council

of 8th Oct., 1453 (Journal 5, fo. 124b), a few days before the election of Sir John Norman, Mayor, in whose honour the watermen are said to have composed a ballad commencing "Row thy boat, Norman." Strype's Stow, 'Survey,' book v. p. 121. But see Chappell's 'Popular Music of the Olden Time,' ii. 482, 783. The innovation was objected to at the time by Cardinal Beaufort and the Duke of Somerset, who took steps to have the order rescinded, but without success. Journal 5, fo. 126.

That the King should have permitted the citizens to elect their own Mayor on this occasion is not surprising, seeing that he had but recently invoked their aid to enable him to avenge an insult offered to the Queen by Lady Badlesmere. The Queen was on her way to Canterbury, and sought the hospitality of Leeds Castle, co. Kent, the mansion of Sir Bartholomew de Badlesmere, but found the gates closed against her by Lady Badlesmere in the absence of her husband. This insult provoked Edward to take up arms. The City sent him a contingent of four hundred men,¹ and with their aid he succeeded in capturing the castle (31 Oct.). Encouraged by his success, the King prepared to lead his forces against the Earl of Hereford and other disaffected lords, who, with a large force, had recently encamped at Kingston² in dangerous proximity to the City. The Earl of Pembroke, who had remained loyal to the King, was sent to confer with the civic authorities, but the precise object of his mission is left to conjecture.³ On the 17th November the King complained to the Mayor that some of the "contrariants" were reported as having recently been received in the City, and the Mayor was warned against letting them take up their abode within the City's walls. To this the Mayor replied that search had been made for such men as the King had mentioned in his letter, but they could nowhere be found. If at any time they should be discovered, he promised to deal with them as the King had commanded, and he concluded his letter by repeating a request to the King that he would issue a royal commission authorizing the Mayor and Aldermen to punish all "contrariants" found in the City, at discretion.⁴ Before the end of November this request was granted, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty giving their word to keep the City for the King under penalty, although refusing to bind themselves to that effect under the Common Seal; for, said they, "the Common Seal binds everybody, good and otherwise, and would imperil the good men in

¹ *Infra*, p. 154. Another authority gives the number as 500. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. p. 299.

² 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. pp. 299, 300.

³ *Infra*, pp. 151, 152n.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 152.

case of the bad men being guilty of misprision," an evil which they were sure the King did not desire.¹

On learning that the King was making his way towards the Marches, the Earl of Lancaster, the leader of the "contrarians," summoned the lords of his party to meet at Doncaster on the 29th November, and prepared to render assistance to the Earl of Hereford. Whereupon the King issued his writ forbidding the meeting.² Once more Edward applied to the City for military aid, but this time he claimed it more as a matter of right than of favour. The citizens were willing enough to furnish a contingent of three hundred, but they objected to being *forced* to attend.³ They were urgent, moreover, for a writ of Privy Seal to be addressed to the Chancellor to the effect that neither this grant nor that made to assist him in reducing Leeds Castle should be made a precedent, or act prejudicially to the City's franchise. The King was not satisfied with the small number of men offered, seeing that the City had assisted him with five hundred men in the war with Scotland and four hundred in his more recent expedition against Leeds Castle, and on the 10th December he issued a Writ of Privy Seal ordering Chigwelle either to increase the number or to come himself with all the great men of the City, without exception, in their own persons, with horses and arms in as great force as they were ever able (*si aforceement come vous unges purrez*).⁴ The effect of this was that the City consented to furnish four hundred men at the least, and if possible to increase the number to five hundred, whilst the Mayor renewed his application for the King's Writ of Privy Seal. He further expressed a hope that both the King and his Council would take

¹ *Infra*, pp. 152, 153.

² *Infra*, p. 154.

³ *Infra*, p. 153. This may perhaps be the meaning, albeit somewhat strained, of "aforceement." The passage runs thus: "Et nous qi fumes darreyn devant vous de ceo qe vous nous comandastes a vous venir *aforceement* de nostre venir a vous pur sauvacion de vostre Cite vous plese tenir escusetz."

It probably refers to a "charter of service," *i.e.*, a charter binding the citizens to serve the King in future wars, which he wished to impose on them, "but the people of the City would not accede to it for all that the King could do." Aungier, 'French Chron.' (Riley's transl.), pp. 254-5.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 154.

into their favourable consideration the City's franchises and customs.¹ The citizens were not kept long in suspense. On the 13th December they were assured by letter of Privy Seal of the King's favour. He had already instructed the Keepers of the Great Seal to make out letters patent² (still preserved among the City's Archives) certifying that the assistance sent to Leeds should not be made a precedent; and as for the City's franchises, he assured them that he and his Council would give reasonable satisfaction.³

In the meantime, viz., on the 1st December, Convocation had met at St. Paul's, and had expressed their opinion that the proceedings against the Despensers in the last Parliament had been illegal.⁴ A week later (8 December) the King issued letters of protection in favour of the younger Despenser,⁵ whilst similar letters (not recorded in the Letter-Book) were issued in favour of the elder Despenser on Christmas Day,⁶ when formal notice of the fact was sent to the Sheriff of London.⁷ The protection in both cases was to continue for a year.

Edward spent Christmas at Cirencester before proceeding to Hereford, still having the City's military force in his train, and from that place he directed writs to the Sheriffs of London to arrest Badlesmere if they could find him,⁸ and to seize any property of the Earl of Hereford, the Mortimers uncle and nephew, and other "contrariants" found within their bailiwick.⁹ At Bridgnorth he came face to face with the Mortimers; but the resistance was short, for, despairing of assistance from the Earl of Lancaster, they yielded on the 22nd January (1322), notification of their surrender being sent by the King himself to the Mayor of London from Shrewsbury the same

¹ *Infra*, p. 154. This reference to the City's franchise refers, probably, to the right of election to the Mayoralty, which remained only partially restored.

² Dated at Aldermaston (co. Berks), 12 Dec.

³ *Infra*, p. 155.

⁴ According to the 'Chron. of Ed-

ward I. and II.' (vol. i. pp. 300, 301) Convocation did not give its decision until 1 Jan. (1322).

⁵ *Infra*, p. 155.

⁶ Rymer, 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 463.

⁷ *Infra*, pp. 155-6.

⁸ *Infra*, p. 156.

⁹ *Infra*, pp. 159, 160.

day.¹ Less than two months later the Earl of Lancaster himself was taken prisoner at Boroughbridge (16 March), and summarily tried, convicted, and executed. His memory was long cherished by the citizens² as the champion of the oppressed, and miracles were believed to have been wrought at the tablet he had set up in St. Paul's commemorative of the King's submission to the Ordainers.³ The rest of the leading "contrarians," whom the Sheriffs of London had been urged by the King to pursue with hue and cry, and if necessary with a *posse comitatus*,⁴ fell one by one into the King's hands, and left him leisure to turn his attention to other matters.

The Scots were again making incursions and giving trouble in the North, and on the 7th February (1322) the King, who was then at Gloucester, had dispatched separate writs to the Sheriffs of London and the Sheriff of Middlesex to arm every man between the ages of sixteen and sixty on the footing prescribed by the Statute of Winchester.⁵ By another writ issued at this juncture⁶ he summoned the Sheriff of Middlesex to appear in person before him and to bring the knights, esquires, and horsemen (*gentz a cheoval*) of the county. This personal differentiation of the Sheriff of Middlesex from the Sheriffs of London was a mistake, as Chigwelle, the Mayor, took occasion to point out to the King in reply to the writ. He explained that the county of Middlesex was annexed to the City (*le dit conte est annex a vostre dite Cite*), and that the Sheriffs of the City were Sheriff of Middlesex, the duties of the latter being performed by a deputy.⁷ The deputy at this time was William of Norwich, and he had already gone to the King on a matter of business connected with the Exchequer. The Mayor was sending Walter

¹ *Infra*, pp. 150, 161.

² In 1338 we read of a mazer cup having on the bottom a medallion or "print" (*enpriente*) of "Saint Thomas of Lancaster." Letter-Book F, fo. xxi. ('Memorials,' pp. 203-4.)

³ Aungier, 'Fr. Chron.' (Riley's translation), p. 257.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 163.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 163.

⁶ The writ itself is not recorded in the Letter-Book.

⁷ Gerin, who appears as "Sheriff of Middlesex" in 1283, when Anketin de Betteville and Walter le Blound were Sheriffs of London, was probably a deputy. See 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 76.

Crepyn on behalf of the county of Middlesex, and he would explain to the King what steps had been taken to execute his orders. In the meantime he is asked to excuse the presence of the Sheriffs before him, "for without them the City could not be fitly guarded nor the King's commands executed."¹

Later on, the City offered the King the alternative of a force of 500 men for forty days at the City's charge to assist him against the Scots, or 2,000 marks in money or victual. The King preferred the money, on the ground that he wished to spare the men a long march. At the same time he had no scruple in asking that he might be accommodated with a body-guard of 100 men "for the honour of the City."² The City's offer was made in April (1322), but no more than 1,200 out of the 2,000 marks appear to have reached the Exchequer by the 23rd August,³ owing probably to the opposition raised to the grant by John de Waldeshef, as already narrated.

In October (1322) Chigwelle, who had contrived at a very critical period to steer clear of all difficulties, was once more elected Mayor by a "very great Commonalty."⁴ The same chronicler, who ascribes his last election to the desire of the citizens to please the King, gives the same reason for his election now.⁵ But now, as before, there is no sign in the Letter-Book of royal influence having carried the election. In the following April (1323) the King, for no apparent reason, deposed Chigwelle and replaced Nicholas de Farndone in the Mayoralty chair,⁶ the late Mayor being kept in close attendance on the Court wherever it went, and being treated to all intents and purposes as a prisoner.⁷ The same restriction was imposed upon three other Aldermen of the City, viz., Hamo Godchep, Edmund Lambyn, and Roger le Palmer. The City petitioned the King and invoked the good offices of the younger Despenser and Robert de Baldock, Keeper of the Privy Seal, in their

¹ *Infra*, pp. 167-8.

² *Infra*, pp. 168-9.

³ *Infra*, p. 173.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 161.

⁵ 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. pp. 298, 304.

⁶ *Infra*, p. 179.

⁷ 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. p. 305.

favour,¹ but with what effect we are not told. All we know is that in November the King saw fit to restore Chigwelle to the Mayoralty,² and that he continued to occupy that position, either by the King's favour or by free election of the citizens, during the remainder of the reign.

The right of free election was not restored to the citizens until November, 1326,³ the Mayoralty having remained more or less "in the King's hand" since the *Iter* of 1321. By that time the King had been reduced to sore straits—forsaken by wife and friends. Queen Isabella had landed at Harwich in September, accompanied by Prince Edward and Mortimer, who three years before had effected his escape from the Tower, with the connivance, if not the active assistance, of Richard de Betoynes and John de Gisors, two Aldermen of the City. The country had been summoned to arms, and a price put on Mortimer's head.⁴ The citizens had determined by this time to throw over the King and to cast in their lot with Queen Isabella and her son. To them more than to any one else they owed the recovery of their rights. The writ notifying the restoration of the Mayoralty was issued by Prince Edward, as guardian of the realm, the King being in flight. It is true that on the 5th December the King issued letters patent confirming the restoration of the Mayoralty, but by that time he was a prisoner at Kenilworth, and could not help himself. The immediate effect of the restoration was the re-election of Betoynes to the Mayoralty chair.⁵

The day that the King was captured in Wales (16 Nov.) the younger Despenser and Robert de Baldock, at that time the King's Chancellor, were also made prisoners. The former was brought before Sir William Trussell and other commissioners, and, after a mere form of trial, condemned to death. The same fate awaited Baldock, but he was claimed by the Bishop of

¹ *Infra*, p. 179.

² *Infra*, pp. 182-3.

³ *Infra*, p. 214.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 213.

⁵ His election is not recorded in the Letter-Book. From another source, however, we learn that on the

15th November he produced royal letters appointing himself and Gisors jointly and severally Warden of the Tower, and that he was immediately afterwards elected Mayor in place of Chigwelle, who was deposed. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. p. 318.

Hereford as a clerk in Holy Orders, and for a short time was lodged in the Bishop of London's house in the parish of St. Mary Mounthaut, whence he was removed to Newgate, where he died in the following spring. The City at the time was practically in the hands of a mob, who pillaged the Treasury of St. Paul's and carried off some valuables which the Chancellor had kept there. Some chests, however, bearing the seal of Roger de Waltham, Keeper of the King's Wardrobe, which had been stored in the same place, are recorded in the Letter-Book as having been previously removed to the Guildhall, where they remained for more than a year, and were then delivered up to their rightful owner.¹

On the 7th January (A.D. 1327) a Parliament, which had been originally summoned to meet on the 14th December, sat at Westminster, when an oath was taken by the prelates and magnates to maintain the cause of Queen Isabella and her son. This Parliament is mentioned in the Letter-Book as having been held on the morrow of St. Hillary, *i.e.*, 14 January, and the reader is there referred for an account of its transactions to "the great book of charters and liberties of the City,"² a book which is no longer to be found among the City Archives. Before the end of the month³ Sir William Trussell had proceeded to Kenilworth at the head of a commission, including three notable citizens of London, viz., John de Gisors, Reginald de Conduit, and John Hauteyn,⁴ and had there formally renounced all further allegiance to the King. From that hour Edward II. ceased to reign.

One of the first acts of the young King, Edward III., was to grant a charter to the City confirming its ancient liberties and

¹ *Infra*, pp. 224-5.

² *Infra*, p. 215.

³ The actual date of the formal renunciation of homage by Trussell seems uncertain. The Letter-Book (*infra*, p. 222) states that it took place "about the Feast of Hillary." Bishop Stubbs ('Const. Hist.,' ii. 363) gives the date as 20 January, whilst

the Bridlington annalist describes the ceremony as having taken place at Berkeley on Monday before the Feast of the Purification, *i.e.*, 27 January. ('Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. ii. p. 90.)

⁴ The sum of £50 was allowed for their expenses. *Infra*, p. 222.

franchises,¹ as enjoyed before the *Iter* of 1321. Many of them had been in abeyance from the time the City was declared by the Justices to have been taken into the King's hand, and all efforts to get them restored by the late King had proved more or less futile.² The citizens were now to be allowed to record their liberties and customs before the King and his ministers as they had been accustomed to do before the *Iter*, notwithstanding any statute or judgment to the contrary, a privilege which, we shall see later on, they were glad to exercise.³ Another grievance the citizens had. Early in February, 1321, the Justices at the *Iter* had endeavoured to make the civic authorities liable for the escape of felons from sanctuary, and it was not until the 3rd June following, when there were signs of the *Iter* coming to a close, that Edward II. thought fit to propitiate the City by issuing letters patent absolving the authorities of all previous negligence in guarding such felons, provided they used in future the same precautions as were used in other parts of the realm.⁴ The charter of his successor on the throne went a step further, and declared that the citizens should only be responsible for the custody of those taking sanctuary as they were formerly accustomed, notwithstanding any judgment made at the *Iter*.

Once more, under Edward II. the citizens had always experienced great difficulty, whenever they furnished him with a military contingent, in obtaining some formal assurance that it should not form a precedent to the prejudice of the City's liberties.⁵ Sometimes they succeeded in getting such assurance, as in the case of the force sent to assist the King in his attack upon Leeds Castle;⁶ sometimes they failed. The charter of Edward III. put matters on a firmer basis, for, among other things, it explicitly

¹ Dated at Westminster, 6 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327]. This charter, which was granted with the assent of Parliament, is preserved at the Guildhall. A copy of it is inscribed in Letter-Book F, fo. civb.

² See letter to the King, dated 20 Jan., 1322, *infra*, p. 155.

³ *Vide infra*, p. xxviii.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 149.

⁵ *Infra*, pp. 99, 153, 154, 155.

⁶ See letters patent dated at Aldermaston, 12 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321]. *Infra*, p. 147n.

declared that thenceforth the citizens should not be distrained to go or send to war outside the City.

The same charter granted the citizens "infangthef" and "outfangthef," together with chattels of felons. Proceedings respecting delivery of "infangthef" between 1327 and 1337 are recorded in the Letter-Book,¹ and form by no means the least interesting portion of the volume. They are continued in Letter-Book F down to 1409. "Infangthef," or "infangenthef," gave the right of hanging a thief if caught within one's own jurisdiction, whilst the less common "outfangthef" bestowed the same right in the case of a thief outside one's jurisdiction. It is said that in both cases it was essential that the thief should be caught "with the mainour" (*cum manuopere*), that is, with the stolen goods upon him.²

The common form of procedure was as follows: A is attached at the suit of B with the mainour of certain articles feloniously taken out of the custody of the said B on a certain day in a certain parish and ward, of which felony B appeals³ him and finds pledges to prosecute. A either confesses himself guilty or "defends" the felony and for good and evil puts himself on the country—in other words, claims to be tried by a jury. A jury⁴ of twelve accordingly appears on summons and declares on oath whether it finds A guilty or not guilty. If guilty, he is adjudged to be hanged,⁵ his chattels, if any, become forfeit to the City as felon's goods, the "mainour" being restored to the successful prosecutor. If found not guilty, he is adjudged to go quit, and the "mainour" is committed to the custody of the Sheriff until

¹ *Infra*, pp. 276-80, 288-90.

² Pollock and Maitland, 'Hist. of English Law,' i. 564.

³ This is sometimes omitted. To prosecute by an "appeal" rendered the prosecutor at one time liable to wager by battle. (Pollock and Maitland, 'Hist. of English Law,' ii. 464, 570, 630.) This method of prosecution was abolished in 1819, its place being

taken by indictment and, more rarely, information.

⁴ In later times stated to be "of the venue" (*de visneto*). Letter-Book F, fos. ccxxii b, ccxxiii, ccxxiii b, &c.

⁵ Henry I. adjudged that all thieves, that is to say, all thieves taken "with the mainour" or "handhabende" thieves, should be hanged. 'Flor. Wig.' (Engl. Hist. Soc.), ii. 57.

further orders.¹ If the accused, on being asked, as was the custom, how he wished to acquit himself, confessed himself guilty, he was ordered to be hanged without further ado.

Occasionally the accused declared himself to be a clerk, not necessarily implying that he was in Holy Orders, but that he could read like a clerk in Holy Orders, and therefore claimed what was known as "benefit of clergy."² In this way he might save his neck if found by the Ordinary capable of reading a verse from the New Testament (called on that account the "neck verse"), and would get off with no worse punishment than a burning in the hand.

The King's marriage with Philippa of Hainault was popular with the citizens as tending to open up trade with Flanders, the greatest cloth manufactory on the Continent. On her arrival in London in December (1327) the Mayor and citizens rode out to welcome her in solemn state, and the following day sent both King and Queen great store of provisions and wax,³ the latter being a commodity highly valued in those days. The institution of "Staples" or market-places for the sale of wool, lead, and tin (but more especially of wool), the so-called "staple" commodities of England, dates from the time of Edward I., who bought Antwerp from the Duke of Brabant in 1296, and established there the foreign centre of the wool trade.⁴ Under Edward II. the merchants had their foreign Staple in various places in Brabant and Flanders, until in 1313 the King ordained that in future the sale of wool and woolfells should take place in some fixed Staple abroad, to be decided upon by the wool merchants themselves.⁵ Six years later a deputation from London and Middlesex was summoned to meet the King's Council with the view of considering the advisability of fixing the home Staple at certain towns;⁶

¹ See Letter-Book F, fo. ccxvii.

² Instances of the kind occur in Letter-Book F, fos. ccxix, ccxx, ccxxb, ccxxi b. When Hamo de Chigwelle, the once popular Mayor, fell on evil days, soon after the accession of Edward III., he put himself on his clergy, and was claimed as a clerk

and befriended by the Bishop of London. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. p. 346.

³ *Infra*, pp. 231-2.

⁴ Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 206.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 18.

⁶ *Infra*, p. 105.

the result being that London, York, Winchester, and other large towns were designated for the purpose.

In May, 1326, when the reign of Edward II. was drawing to a close, another ordinance was made limiting the trade in wool to certain towns in England, Wales, and Ireland, and Chigwelle, the Mayor, was strictly enjoined to prevent the exportation of teasels, fuller's earth, and all other materials used in the manufacture of cloth from the port of London. At the same time a meeting of merchants of London and Norwich (a town much frequented by Flemings from earliest days) was ordered to be held at the House of the Black Friars for the purpose of electing a Mayor of the Staples.¹ A proposal to remove the Tron—a machine used chiefly for weighing wool, although also used for weighing cheese, butter, tallow, &c.²—from the City to the New Temple, was strongly opposed by the civic authorities, both on account of the Temple being outside the City and of the difficulty of getting the wool up the river, especially in winter time.³

Shortly after his accession Edward III. gave orders to the Mayor of the City to see that the Ordinances of Edward II. touching the Staple were duly observed;⁴ and similar orders were sent on the 1st March, 1328,⁵ after the question of keeping the Staple within the realm had been debated in a Parliament at York.⁶ Richard de Betoynes, who was Mayor of the foreign Staple and represented the City in this Parliament with Robert de Keleseye, John de Grantham, and John Priour, incurred considerable odium for advocating the removal of the Staple from England. Letters passed between the municipal authorities of York and London touching the attitude he had taken up on the question, but in the end Betoynes's explanations were accepted,⁷ and his services acknowledged by allowing him

¹ *Infra*, pp. 210, 211.

² *Infra*, p. 44.

³ *Infra*, p. 211.

⁴ Writ dated 1 May, 1327, *infra*, p. 212.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 212.

⁶ Sat from 7 Feb. to 5 March.

⁷ Nothing of this appears in the Letter-Book. An abstract of what took place on this occasion is given in 'London and the Kingdom' (i. 173-7) from City Records, 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 1.

to take at valuation a handsome coverlet which had found its way into the hands of the City Chamberlain during the late troubles.¹

At the next Parliament, which sat at Northampton from 24th April to 14th May the same year, to determine business left over from the Parliament at York, "owing to the absence of certain prelates and magnates of the realm,"² the monopolies of the Staple were abolished, and free trade, for a time at least, established.³ In 1334 the Staples were restored and again abolished. In August, 1336, the exportation of wool was forbidden by royal letters.⁴ By this time the imports on this commodity had reached such importance that the King deemed it advisable to take the wool merchants into his confidence and to deal with them as an independent body.⁵ A Parliament being summoned to meet at Nottingham in September, the City was invited to send four of the leading wool merchants to assist in the business to be transacted.⁶ The result was the imposition of a custom of 40s. per sack exported by denizens and 60s. by aliens. In 1337, as almost the last entry in the Letter-Book records, the export of wool was altogether forbidden until the King and Council should determine how it was to be dealt with. At the same time foreign clothworkers who settled in the country were promised protection.⁷

It is only of recent years that the association of the poet Chaucer with the City of London has met with the recognition it deserved.⁸ This is to be accounted for in a great measure by the obscurity in which the poet's parentage has been so long involved, an obscurity which patient research has only recently

¹ *Infra*, p. 225.

² *Infra*, p. 227. The writ addressed to the Sheriffs of London on this occasion bade them make proclamation against any one going to the Parliament attended by an armed force "as had lately been the custom."

³ Statute of Northampton, 2 Edward III. cap. ix.

⁴ Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.' ii. 526.

⁵ *Id.*, ii. 379.

⁶ *Infra*, p. 299.

⁷ *Infra*, p. 303. Cf. Stat. 11 Edward III. cap. v.

⁸ A commission for the execution of a bust of the poet has been entrusted to G. Frampton, Esq., R.A., by Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., for presentation to the Corporation.

dissipated. It has now been ascertained beyond doubt that the poet's grandfather was Robert le Chaucer, a citizen, and probably a vintner, of London, who in 1308 was deputy to Henry de Say, the King's Butler¹ in the Port of London. Two years later he is recorded in Letter-Book D as one, among others, attached to appear before the King on a charge of having ill-treated Gascon merchants resorting to the City.² The offence was probably not a serious one, for he was soon afterwards appointed by the King to be one of the two collectors in the Port of London of the "New Custom" of 2s. imposed in 1303 on every tun of wine imported by foreign merchants, in return for certain privileges accorded them.³ He died in or about 1315, leaving a widow, Mary, who afterwards married another Chaucer named Richard, also a citizen and vintner of London.

This Richard le Chaucer was in 1319 appointed a scrutineer of wine according to the custom of the City.⁴ In 1326 he and his wife brought an action for damages against Agnes, widow of Walter de Westhale, Thomas Stace, Geoffrey Stace, and Laurence, Geoffrey's man, who, they alleged, had forcibly removed from their custody in the Ward of Cordwainer Street a son of the said Mary by her former husband, named John, then under fourteen years of age, and had married him, against his and their will, to Johanna, daughter of Walter de Westhale. The amount of damages claimed was £300. This John is now recognized as the poet's father.

The defendants pleaded in justification the custom of Ipswich (the property of the youth being in that town) by which an heir could claim his property at the end of his twelfth year. The trial began before the King at Norwich in Hilary term,

¹ 'Life Records of Chaucer' (Chaucer Soc.), vol. iv. p. 139. The fact that Henry de Say is called the King's Butler in the Patent Roll from which this is taken, and appears the same year in the City's 'Liber Custumarum' (i. 244) as Chamberlain, *i.e.*, the King's Chamberlain,

suggests that the duties of the two offices were similar, if not identical. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 179.

² 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 228-9.

³ 'Life Records of Chaucer,' vol. iv. pp. 140-1. As to this "New Custom," see 'Liber Cust.,' i. 205-11.

⁴ *Infra*, pp. 109, 110.

1326,¹ but owing to the disturbed state of the country and the forced abdication of the King nothing was done until Easter, 1327, when, at the plaintiffs' suit (*secta*), the defendants were ordered to appear before the King and a jury of twenty-four² at York. The defendants made default, and the Sheriffs returned that they were not to be found in their bailiwick (*i.e.*, London). They further returned that they could not bring a jury of twenty-four before the King, because under the terms of a recent charter³ all inquisitions (by jury) touching men of the City were ordered to be taken thenceforth at St. Martin le Grand, and not elsewhere, except inquisitions to be taken at *Hers* at the Tower and for gaol delivery of Newgate.⁴ Whereupon the Mayor and Commonalty, by William de Burgh, their attorney, pray that the jury might be adjourned to St. Martin le Grand. The charter being afterwards produced on request, a writ was sent to the Justices bidding them allow the City's charters throughout the King's reign, and the Sheriffs were ordered to summon a jury of twenty-four to appear before the King in the quinzaine of St. Michael, unless the Justices should come in the meanwhile to St. Martin le Grand. In October, 1327, the action came on for hearing at St. Martin le Grand before Robert Baynard, the King's Commissioner, and two Aldermen, viz., Hamo de Chigwelle and Nicholas de Farn-

¹ The proceedings are set out in the Coram Rege Roll, Hilary, 19 Edward II., membr. 13. See 'Life Records of Chaucer,' pp. 142-143.

² An inquest by a jury of twenty-four was known in the City of London as a Grand Assize, as distinguished from a first jury (*jurata prima*). 'Liber Albus,' i. 183, 442. Cf. Letter-Book F, fos. i b, xlvii. The Patent Roll does not state from what class—whether knights or free and lawful men—the jury were taken.

³ Charter dated at Westminster, 6 March, 1 Edward III.

⁴ Cf. *infra*, pp. 22-3, 244. On the other hand, we find among new

statutes promulgated anno 19 Edward III. for amending the laws of the City, that persons residing in the City were forbidden to sue out writs before the Justiciars sitting at St. Martin le Grand without first submitting their grievance to the Mayor and Aldermen, on the ground that the Justiciars, being Common Law Judges, were unacquainted with the franchises and customs of the City. 'Liber Albus,' i. 474; Letter-Book F, fo. cv. *Nota* the interpretation of the passage here cited is not correctly given *infra*, p. 22n.

done, when the defendants again failed to appear. The matter being left to a jury, they found that the defendants had by night forcibly abducted John le Chaucer from the custody of the plaintiffs, as alleged, but did not marry him, the damages being assessed at £250.

From this point the proceedings are recorded for the most part in the Letter-Book before us¹ and the City's 'Liber Albus.'² Geoffrey Stace appealed against this verdict,³ and having found sureties for prosecuting his claim, a writ was sent to the Sheriffs of London on the 8th July (1328) bidding them summon twenty-four lawful knights (*milites*⁴) of the venue of London to appear before the King in October and declare on oath whether the jury⁵ on the trial had committed perjury, as alleged by Geoffrey, or not. Richard le Chaucer and Mary his wife were also to be summoned.⁶ No notice having been taken of this writ, another was dispatched to the Sheriffs on the 12th October, to which the Sheriffs made return that no attaint on citizens could be taken touching any matter arising in the City, and that therefore they could not execute the writ without prejudice to the City's liberties and customs.⁷ Thereupon the King gave orders to Geoffrey le Scrope and his fellow-justices to allow such liberties and customs as the citizens might formally record before the King and his ministers, as they were wont to do before the *Iter* of 1321, and as they were again allowed to do by virtue of the King's recent

¹ *Infra*, pp. 226, 218-19.

² 'Liber Albus' (Rolls Series), i. 437-44.

³ The grounds of his appeal are not recorded either in the Letter-Book or the 'Liber Albus,' but from the 'Rolls of Parliament' (ii. 14) it appears that he objected that the damages awarded were excessive, "since the tenements of the heir were worth no more than 20s. a year," and that no great damage had been done, inasmuch as the heir, as found by the jury, was still unmarried and was residing with the plaintiffs. 'Life Records of Chaucer,' iv. 144.

⁴ A Grand Assize appears to have been composed of lawful *knights* of the venue, whereas a Petty Assize or an ordinary jury consisted of twelve *free and lawful men*. See Pollock and Maitland, 'Hist. of English Law,' ii. 618-19.

⁵ The editor of the 'Liber Albus' (i. 437) has wrongly extended "si jur" into "si jurentur," instead of "si juratores."

⁶ *Infra*, p. 226.

⁷ *Infra*, pp. 218, 237.

charter,¹ and the Sheriffs were ordered to summon the Mayor and Commonalty to come and make their record on the octave of St. Hillary (1329). On the day appointed both the plaintiff and the defendants appeared, but the Sheriffs ignored the writ. Another day after Easter was thereupon named. The parties appeared by their respective attorneys and the Mayor and citizens by Gregory de Nortone, the City's Recorder, but another delay took place owing to the latter claiming on the City's behalf the customary "quarantine" or respite of forty days for consultation. At last, in July, everything was ready.

Being called upon to state what liberties and customs they claimed in the matter, the Mayor and citizens declare that, by the great charter of liberties of England granted by the King's ancestors, the City of London was allowed all its liberties and free customs undiminished; that before the Statute for granting attaints in pleas of trespass lately promulgated at Westminster² no writ of attaint lay at law for trespass, and therefore they say that such a statute was in contravention of the City's liberties and free customs, which ought not to be changed or infringed without express mention being made in the statute. They therefore record that when juries are called upon to decide on oath any matter arising in the City, their verdict ought to be credited and allowed to stand for ever, and, further, that no writ of attaints ought to lie, or ever had lain, against citizen-jurors in pleas of this kind. They accordingly ask the Justices to allow the citizens to enjoy this custom, inasmuch as the said Richard and Mary were their fellow-citizens.

To this argument the King's Attorney replied that the record could not be allowed, because, he said, every liberty and free custom must be proved in the affirmative, by showing actual use and not non-user; and as to the allegation made by the Mayor and citizens that no attaint ought to run, or had been accustomed to run, against a jury of citizens in "pleas of this kind," that sounded more as a matter of desuetude than a custom or liberty. On this account he asked judgment for the

¹ *Vide supra*, p. xx.

² Stat. 1 Edw. III. cap. vi. ('Stat. at Large,' ed. 1758, i. 206).

King. Moreover, he went on to say, many writs of attaint had been issued at the suit of parties, both before and after the afore-said *Iter*, against citizens in matters arising within the City, and the Sheriffs had duly executed them, and returned on their panels the names both of twenty-four jurors and of jurors on a first jury (*jurata prima*). On this account too he asked judgment for the King.

The King, in the meanwhile, had given instructions to the Justices to raise no serious objections to such liberties and customs as the City claimed of record, and as Stace was unable, when asked on a later day, to show that any attaint had ever been taken in the City on a jury of citizens, judgment was given against him, and the attaint was quashed, whilst for the trespass of which he had been already convicted he was committed to the Marshalsea *quousque*, &c. In the meantime proceedings of outlawry, or "waivery" (the technical term in the case of women), had been taken against Agnes Westhale, convicted of the same trespass as Geoffrey Stace, and judgment had been passed against her for not having appeared when called at successive Hustings, according to custom. It has been seen that a judgment of outlawry, or waivery, could not be executed in the Folkmote without the King's consent being previously obtained.¹ When, therefore, Agnes appeared before the King's Justices, and was asked to show cause why the judgment of waivery against her should not be executed, she availed herself of an informality in the proceedings to gain a respite,² and there the record ends.

Besides claiming the right to have inquisitions, with certain exceptions already specified, taken at St. Martin le Grand, and to have the verdict of their juries unimpeached, the citizens of London claimed the further privilege of not being forced to plead or be impleaded without the City's walls. This privilege was older than the right of electing their Mayor, having been granted to them by Henry II. in or about the year 1155.³ On

¹ *Vide supra*, p. ix.

² *Infra*, p. 240.

³ The date ascribed to Henry's

charter by Mr. Horace Round ('Geoffrey de Mandeville,' p. 367, note 4).

the strength of their chartered right they refused to attend the King's Marshalsea even when sitting at St. Dunstan's *within* Temple Bar, and therefore, as one would suppose, within the liberties of the City. Their objection was, nevertheless, allowed.¹ The officers of the Marshalsea were so often in the habit of ignoring the City's rights in this matter that an investigation was opened before the Parliament which sat at York in the autumn of 1318. The civic authorities being unable, however, to substantiate their claim by the production of the City's charters at York, the question of its legality was referred to the Chancellor, the Treasurer, and the Barons of the Exchequer.² The result is not recorded in the Letter-Book, but we know that in the following year (1319) Edward II. granted an *inspeximus* charter confirming, among other things, the immunity of the citizens in general from pleading or being impleaded without the City.³

The same charter confirmed a grant previously made by Henry III., to the effect that no one should take a house by force within the City and Portsoken, nor by delivery of the Marshal. Nevertheless we find it recorded under the year 1325 that, the King being in residence at the Tower, his serjeant-herbergeour appropriated the house of John de Caustone, who was Sheriff at the time, for the use of the King's secretary and his retinue, marking it with chalk in token of such appropriation on the King's behalf. The Sheriff very naturally took umbrage at so high-handed a proceeding, and obliterated the mark, and for this he was attached. He pleaded not guilty, and demanded a jury. His cause was supported by the Mayor and Commonalty, who pleaded their chartered rights and the custom of the City whereby allotment of hostels to the King's officers on his coming to the City had always been made by the Mayor, Sheriffs, and other officers of the City in the presence of the King's Marshal.⁴ A jury thereupon found the Sheriff not guilty,

¹ *Infra*, p. 49.

² *Infra*, p. 99.

³ Charter dated 8 June, 12 Edward II. 'Liber Cust.', i. 259.

⁴ This procedure had been followed

in 1317, when the Clerk of the Marshalsea made a formal application for Serjeants of the City to accompany him whilst selecting hostels for the King's service. *Infra*, p. 80.

and he was allowed to go *sine die*, whilst, after due consideration, the City's claim was allowed, saving the rights of the King (*salvo jure Regis*).¹

In 1307 proceedings began to be taken against the ancient Order of Templars, and in October, 1310, the Sheriffs of London received the King's orders to safeguard such Templars as should be delivered into their custody by the Constable of the Tower, pending an inquiry that was about to be made as to their conduct. They were to be lodged in the City's gates or some other convenient houses, so as to be handy for the Inquisitors.² In the following month not only the Sheriffs, but the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty were called upon to give every assistance to those appointed to conduct the trial of the Templars.³ After a harassing inquisition the Order was suppressed in 1312, and much of its property passed into the hands of the King's favourites, although nominally bestowed upon the Knights Hospitallers or Order of St. John of Jerusalem. The manor of the New Temple (except that portion which came to be known as the "Outer Temple") was given to Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke, a staunch adherent of Edward II., who shortly afterwards, however, made him surrender it to Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, in exchange for lands in Monmouth. The King's confirmation of this surrender, dated 1st October, 1314, is recorded as having been entered in the Letter-Book in 1328 at the request of Henry, Earl of Lancaster,⁴ brother of the above Thomas. In the same Letter-Book we find copies of an inspeximus charter of Edward III., dated 15th August, 1327, confirming the assignment of the property of the Templars to the Hospitallers, as well as another inspeximus charter of the same King, dated the 30th June of the same year, confirming previous charters granted to the latter by Henry III., Edward I., and Edward II.⁵ We find also a writ addressed to the Mayor and Sheriffs two years later (2 October, 1329), forbidding them to exact murage and other toll from the

¹ *Infra*, pp. 206-7.

² 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 248.

³ *Ibid.*, p. 259.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 229.

⁵ *Infra*, p. 255.

Hospitallers, as the Templars, to whose possessions they had succeeded, had always been quit of such demands.¹

Among matters of minor interest may be mentioned a writ issued in 1319 for a stop to be put to the exaction of murage in the City, inasmuch as the tax drove merchants elsewhere;² the refusal by the City, the same year, to forego their rights and deliver up the custody of Queenhithe to a nominee of the Crown;³ the repair of the several weights used in the Stannary of Cornwall so as to bring them up to the London standard;⁴ the appointment of wardens to act on the City's behalf and to hold pleas at fairs,⁵ pursuant to the terms of the first charter of Edward III. confirming an ancient custom; the fining of Robert le Bret in ten casks of wine for having deserted a deputation sent to attend the King at Windsor;⁶ and, lastly, the references to the repairing of the Guildhall Chapel and Cripplegate.⁷

R. R. S.

The Guildhall, London,
January, 1903.

¹ *Infra*, p. 239.

² *Infra*, p. 104.

³ *Infra*, p. 103.

⁴ *Infra*, p. 203.

⁵ *Infra*, pp. 230, 239, 247, 284, 286, 291, 303.

⁶ *Infra*, p. 234.

⁷ *Infra*, pp. 215, 304.

CALENDAR OF LETTER-BOOKS

OF THE CITY OF LONDON.

LETTER-BOOK E.

Robert Wardeboys, "fourbour," has a day until Saturday against Ralph "Borward." Pledges of the said Robert, viz., le Fourbour, his kinsman, and Richard le Latoner. Fly-leaf.

Richard le Latoner, William le Fourbour, Henry de Ware, and William le Fourbour [*sic*] are not to be on the inquest between Ralph "Borgward" and Robert Wardeboys, because they favour (*fovent*) the said Robert and came with him to the Guildhall, &c.

"Memorandum that this Boke of E was lost and was lackyng of a long seaseun untill the viijth day of July in the xxxijth yere of the reign of Kyng Henry the viijth that Robert Broke co'en seriaunte espied out the seid Boke and caused it to be redemyd unto the Chambre of London, etc., die et anno predictis."

Pledges of William Pikerel, viz., Ralph de Blithe, Robert de Bristowe, Richard de Shordiche, Walter le Keu, lorymer.

At the Common Pleas held on Monday the morrow of Holy Trinity [8 June], anno 27 Edward I. [A.D. 1299], Henry le Waleys gave to the Confraternity of the Pui (*de Podio*¹) 5 marks annual quitrent charged on all his tenements in London for the

¹ So called from Le Puy, the ancient capital of Velay, in Auvergne, whence the Fraternity (or a branch of it)	became transplanted to the City of London.
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maintenance of a chaplain to celebrate divine service in the new chapel at the Guildhall, London.¹

Fo. 1*.

Be it remembered that of the 1,000 marks collected from the Commonalty and received by the hands of Richard Lacer and Simon Fraunceys the said Simon received £674 and 17 pence. Whereof he paid (as appears by his account) for armed men £664 7s. 8d.; also to Reginald atte More in part payment of a present sent to the Earl of Chester and other children of the King at Christmas, the same year, £7. Still owes 53s. 9d.

The aforesaid Richard received £10 14s. 4d. Whereof he paid to Reginald atte More £7. Also he received of the increase of the said 1,000 marks, £125; also of John de Pulteneye for Richard Chiviot and Matilda de Caxtone, 100s.; and of the same the sum of £13 6s. 8d., which the said John gave to the Commonalty in aid of the Ward of Candelwykestrete.

[Other accounts follow, particulars of which are printed in Riley's 'Memorials,' pp. 189, 190.]

Fo. 2*.

Proclamation for keeping the peace made Wednesday after the Feast of St. Lucia the Virgin [13 Dec.], 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334], the King being at the time engaged in war with Scotland.²

Fos. 2*b-3*b.

Proceedings touching the raising of the sum of 1,200 marks—viz., 1,000 marks for the pay of the men, and 200 marks for Edmund Flambard, their leader—for furnishing 100 horsemen, and the same number of foot soldiers for Scotland, anno 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334].³

The names of the horsemen and foot soldiers, together with the names of their sureties :—

Horsemen : Edmund Flambard, the leader, Gilbert de Carleton, John Apspelond, John Martyn, Nicholas de Lynham, John de Lewes, Simon de Kele, John Peverel, William de Redbourne, Simon le Barber, John de Leukenore, Philip de Somersete, John

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 42. See also 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 139, note, where "the Chapel of the Blessed Mary of the Pui" is stated to have been situate in the church or precinct of St. Martin

le Grand. This passage, however, clearly points to its being identical with the Guildhall Chapel.

² See 'Memorials,' pp. 192, 193.

³ *Id.*, pp. 187-9.

de Wycombe, John de Wynchester, Alexander de Oundele, Geoffrey de Notynggham, John de Pollokeshull, John le Kyng, armourer, Walter de Maldone, William de Mundene, William de Herengeye, William de la Marche, Thomas de Kirk lond, Nicholas de Goldington, Gilbert de Canterbury, William Stille, armourer, William de Potone, Geoffrey le Barber, Richard de Morle, John de Louthe, John Aleyn, Edmund Brutyn, John de Waltham, Thomas de Anesty, Robert de Anesty, William Watershep, Richard de Claveringe, John Amys, Walter Russel, John Rollond, John de Boseworth, junior, John de Boseworth, senior, Walter Berthelmeu, John Janyn, Nicholas de Spaldinge, John de Leche, Robert de Blithe, William Credel, Thomas Hereberd, William Hereberd, John de Conyngtone, Simon Feverel, John de Marleberwe, William de Hagham, William de Hagham [*sic*], Walter de Alemayne, Richard atte Churche, Simon de Lambhutte, Thomas de Lambhutte, Hugh de Pavethorne, John de Showelle, Alexander le Barber, Thomas Thurstayn, John de Shrouesbury, Peter de Bixle, Thomas de Brayere, Gilbert de Alemayne, Simon de Stapelford, Richard Edrop, Thomas Squiller, John de Stafford, Roger de Tonge, Thomas de Overtone, John de Pokerige, Laurence de Coventre, Robert de Mersshlond, Robert de Bronham, Thomas de Doune, Roger Cobbe, Adam de Bures, Robert de Went, Benedict de Ellesmere, Roger Mery, John de Wynchelse, Robert de Kent, John de Dunstaple, John de Swaneshutte, John de Tilneye, Thomas de Elynham, Ralph de Hert', Roger de Kyngestone, John de Tatlingburi, Richard Bataille, Nicholas Gelynge, John Free, John de Dovere, Thomas Warderope, David Broun, Richard Brutyn, William de Massingham, Peter Lambyn, Adam le Wayte.

Foot soldiers: William Broun, John de Hadham, John Scot, John "Go inthe Wynd," William de Cherteseye, John Fraunceys, Thomas Bachous, William Derby, John de Maundeville, John de Wygenhale, John de Canterbury, Pentecoste Russel, John de Bloxsham, John de Altone, Henry de Burtone, Henry de Notynggham, John Bukke, Edmund Newman, John Imme (?), John de Faveresham, John "of the Merssh," Henry Sampson,

William de Hamptone, Simon atte Rothe, Robert de Berham, Thomas Cusyn, William Busshe, Robert le Warner, John de Tadelowe, John de Hemelhamstede, John de Welde, Robert de Aclom, William de Sherman, John le Ster, James de la Leghe, John Litelgrom, Ralph de Somersete, William de Brouneswold, John de Arderne, Richard Pestel, Walter Lefstan, Ralph de la Marche, John Saundre, Robert de Prestone, Walter de Verdoun, John Sharpe, Laurence Paynel, John de Lambhurst, William de Swaynford, John le Baillif, William de Wygemor, Walter de Wainford, William le Baker, Gilbert de Ware, Robert de Tuttebury, Thomas de Shaldeford, Thomas Dillinge, John Marchaunt, Walter de Clipstone, Simon de Canterbury, Peter Lovel, John de Guldeford, John Kele, William Wastel, Reginald de Neutone, Henry le Kew, William de Pikewell, Stephen le Perler, John le Squiller, John Faypew, John de Mallinge, John le Warner, Robert de Alretone, John de Salopia, Adam de Stratford, Geoffrey Lockeman, William de Snetesham, Robert de Lestre, Thomas de Bartone, Adam Broun de Hibernia, John Osbern, Laurence de Chingelford, John de Eynho, Ralph le Coureour, William de Thorpe, Alexander de Haddenham, John de Prestwold, William de Oundeale, Walter le Kyng, William de Penerich, Stephen de Bileghe, Roger le Pinder, John Hachet, Reginald de Prestone, Henry de Burtone, John Whytheved, John Giboun, William de Pershore, Nicholas de Donstaple, Andrew de Croydon.

Pledges:—Edmund Flambard, Thomas de Gisors, Robert le Mareschal, goldsmith, Thomas Warner, John Perler, Simon Fraunceys, William de Pontefract, John Janyn, Hugh Danyel, Richard Chamberlayn, Thomas de Kestevene, John de Ileford, Robert de Bristoll, John Danyel, Henry Cheyner, Richard le Lacer, Thomas de Waledene, John de London, John de Bedford, Elias de Thorp, John de Lynford, Gilbert le Palmere, Henry le Cheyner, Richard de Bernham, Hugh de Depedene, John Horn, Flemyng, John de Welhous, Bartholomew de Braye, Andrew de Secheford, Stephen Aleyn, Nicholas de Dunstaple, John de Wyrhale, Nicholas atte Forde, Richard de Dagenhale, John Hamond, Thomas de Gisors, Simon Larmourer,

William de Cheyham, Richard Denys, Walter de Wy, William de Blithe, Robert de Bruges, Robert Flambard, John le Mareschal, Walter Turk, John de London, tanner, Henry de Tuttebury, Walter Harnays, Robert de Shordich, William Michel, Richard de Berkynge, Adam Pikeman, Walter le Cook, lorymer, Osbert de Braye, John de Rumberwe, Thomas Hautayn, John de Preston, John de Coloyne, William de Depham, John de Hastynge, Thomas Huberd, John de Canterbury, John de Pulteneye, Nicholas de Stratton, Thomas de Gloucestre, Bartholomew Dewmars, Walter Turke, John de Mockynge, John le Long, Ralph le Taillour.

And be it known that all the persons whose names are before written were sworn to faithfully serve the King in Scotland for 40 days, &c., in manner prescribed.¹

FO. 4*.

Letter from John de Pulteneye to John [Stratford], Archbishop of Canterbury, Richard [de Angarville, or Bury], Bishop of Durham, Chancellor of England, Henry [de Burghersh], Treasurer of England, William de Montacute, and Geoffrey Lescrope, touching a commission to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of London to send 200 "hobelours"² to Newcastle-on-Tyne by Trinity Sunday next for the King's service in Scotland, without any mention being made as to who were to bear the cost. He testifies to the good will of the City towards the King and its readiness to supply the men at its own cost for a term of 100 days, notwithstanding trade being so bad. Dated 18 May [A.D. 1335].

Wednesday the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1334-5], Roger de Depham, Sheriff's Clerk, elected Common Clerk of the City *loco* Hugh de Waltham, deceased, in the presence of Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, John de Pulteneye, Gregory de Norton, the Recorder, John de Prestone, John de Caustone, William de Caustone, John de Grantham, Richard de Hakeneye, John de Oxon', Anketin de Gisors, Aldermen, William Haunsard, Robert Swete, Adam

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 189.

² A light-armed soldier who rode a horse called a "hobby."

Pykeman, William Box, Henry Wymond, William de Elsing, John de Tiffeld, and many other commoners [not named] assembled in the Guildhall; and he receives 100s. yearly for his fee and other fees which Hugh de Waltham received.

The same day Richard de Waltham, late clerk of the afore-said Hugh, was elected and sworn Clerk of the Chamber of the City *loco* John de Illeford, receiving the same fees as his predecessor.

Fo. 4* b. Tuesday before the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335-6], Master Bernard Sistre, Canon of the Church of St. Hillary, Poitou, delivers to the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty a Commendatory Bull of Pope Benedict [XI.], dated at Pont de Sorgue (*apud Pontemsorgie*), in the diocese of Avignon, the Ides of September [13 Sept.], the first year of his pontificate [A.D. 1334]; which Bull remains in the custody of Thomas de Maryns the Chamberlain.

The same day the above Master Bernard delivered to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty letters of protection of the King in his favour. Dated at Aukeland, 18 Dec., 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].¹

Fo. 5*. Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty, authorizing them (if they so will) to empower their representatives, at the coming Parliament to be held at York on the morrow of the Ascension [25 May] next ensuing, to make an arrangement touching the payment of the tenth granted to the King by the cities and boroughs at the last Parliament held at Westminster for the defence of the kingdom against the Scots. Dated at Cowyk,² 11 May, 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].³

The above writ was delivered to the Mayor and Aldermen by Richard de Pesehale, Wednesday the eve of the Ascension [25 May], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], ordinance made by Reginald de Conduit,

¹ Set out, together with the*above Papal Bull, in 'Collection Générale des Documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre' (Delpit), pp. 63, 64.

² West Riding, co. York.

³ Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 907.

the Mayor, John de Grantham, John de Prestone, Gregory atte Shire, Henry Darcy, Richard le Lacer, Ralph de Uptone, Walter de Nordone, Richard de Berkyng, William de Caustone, John Hamond, John de Caustone, Andrew Aubrey, Richard de Hakenay, John de Oxon', Richard de Rothyng, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, against fraudulent bakers who carry on their business secretly, hiding themselves like foxes (*tanquam vulpes*).¹

[Fos. 5* b—9* blank.]

Thursday before the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], came John Musard, painter, before the Chamberlain, in the presence of J[ohn] de Gisors, William de Leire, and Simon Corp, Aldermen, and was questioned as to his having received Richard, son of Thomas le Normant, as his apprentice when he himself was not a freeman of the City² nor ought to enjoy the franchises of the same. The said John thereupon disclaimed any right to the said apprenticeship.

Fo. 9* b.

Thursday the morrow of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], came Andrew "de" Broune before Thomas Prentiz, the Chamberlain, and received a lease of the moor near Bisshopesgate for a term of one year, at a quarterly rent of 13s. 4d.

*Andreas
Broune pro
mora.*

Friday the Feast of the Conception B. M. [8 Dec.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], Richard Box sworn Serjeant of the Chamber of the Guildhall before John de Wengrave, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, John de Gisorz, Robert de Keleseye, Henry Nazard, Simon de Abyndone, Hamo Godchep, Roger de Parys, Hamo de Chiggewelle, Elyas de Suffolk, Anketin de Gisorz, Simon de Paris, John de Lincoln, Simon Gut',³ John de la Chambre, and Roger de Frowyk, Aldermen,

¹ Printed in 'Liber Albus,' i. 361, 362.

² The following ordinance, apparently of the year 6 Edward II., is (amongst others) entered in Letter-Book D (fo. clviii), whence it was probably transcribed into the City's

'Liber Custumarum' (fo. cciv), viz.:

"Et qe nul desormes receyve apprentiz sil ne soit mesmes franke de la Citee." See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 298, Intro., p. ix; 'Liber Albus,' i. 272.

³ Probably a clerical error for Corp.

and John Poyntel, Sheriff, &c. Henry Nazard and Simon de Abyndon mainpernors for the said Richard.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Andrew, Ap. [30 Nov.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], grant to Philip le Turnour and Alice his wife by John de Wengrave, Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, R[obert] de Keleseie, J[ohn] de Gisors, J[ohn] de Lincoln, S[imon] de Parys, Aldermen, and Thomas Prentiz, the Chamberlain, of a small house outside Alegate, together with 10 feet of land; to hold the same for their lives at an annual rent of 4s., and subject to the condition that they live in the house and keep the road under the gate clean, as tenants of the house had been accustomed to do in times past.

Fo. i. Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday the Feast of St. Botolph [17 June], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], a certain John le Chaundeler was summoned at the Guildhall to answer for that he, being the tenant of a certain small house outside Alegate, adjoining the churchyard of St. Botolph, for which tenancy he ought to clean the gate of Alegate within and without and under the same, had not cleaned the gate. And the said John says that he holds the house by demise of the Prior of Cristechurch, who is Alderman of the Ward of Alegate,¹ but he says that he well knows that the tenant of the said house is bound to clean the said gate within and without and beneath it, and this he was willing to do.

*De pueris
Joh'is de
Halgeford.*

Monday before the Feast of Ascension [24 May], 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], came Nicholas de Halweford (or Halghford) before Nicholas de Farendone, William de Leire, and Richard de Gloucestre, Aldermen, and found pledges, viz., John de Wynechester, John de Lutegaresale, and William Edmund, to bring to the next Husting the money received in respect of a tenement formerly belonging to John de Halghford and left by him to be divided among his children,² viz., Walter, Simon, and

¹ This statement is strange, the Prior of Christchurch being (*ex officio*) Alderman of Portsoken, and not of Aldgate.

² By will dated A.D. 1308. 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust., London,' i. 203.

Richard. The said Nicholas came and satisfied the said sons with their several portions.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday the Feast of St. Edmund, K. [20 Nov.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], the above Nicholas came to the Husting, and in the presence of John de Wengrave, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Robert de Keleseye, Simon Corp, Anketin de Gysors, John de la Chaumbre, and others, paid to Walter de Halgheford and Matilda his wife the sum of 10 marks to the use of Margery and Matilda, daughters of the above John de Halgheford, for which sum the said Walter and Matilda undertook to receive the said daughters as apprentices, &c.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday after the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], came Nicholas de Halgheford before Hamo de Chigewell, the Mayor [A.D. 1319?], Robert de Swalclive, Hamo Godchep, and other Aldermen [not named], and paid to Walter de Halgheford and Matilda his wife 5 marks to the use of Matilda, the elder daughter of John de Halgheford.

Cedula
attached to
fo. ii.

19 July, 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], came John Marcy, son of Nicholas le Barbier de Cornehill, before John de Gysorz, the Mayor, and the rest of the Aldermen [not named], and complained that although he was a freeman of the City by birth, he had had three sacks of his wool seized by the Mayor and Bailiffs of Hereford. He demands a remedy, and that a letter may be written on his behalf. Being asked if his father had been a freeman, he answered in the affirmative, and was willing to bring proof. A day is therefore given, &c. A jury find that his father had been free. Therefore his freedom is allowed and a letter ordered to be made out for him.

*De co'i Pra
concessa J.
Marcy cujus
lib'tas primo
fuit exami-
nata.*

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], precept to John le Mazelyner, the Chamberlain, by John de Gisors, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farendone, John de Wengrave, Richard de Gloucestre, John de Wyndlesore, William de Coumbemartyn, Anketin de Gisors, Nigel Druery, William de Leire, John Lambyn, Simon Corp, Roger de Paris, and Simon Bolet, Aldermen, for the sale of pledges taken for arrears of the sum of £1,000 lent to the King, and still unredeemed, notwithstanding repeated warnings.

Fo. ib.

*Preceptum
factum J. le
Mazelyner
Cam'ar' ad
vendend' vad'.*

*Br'e d'ni R'
directum Taxa-
toribus d'ni de
Com' Oxon' ne
assiderent cives
London' int'
eos ad talla-
gium.*

*Pro pueris
Nick'i de Aka.*

Writ to William Merre, Adam de Shobenhauge, and Geoffrey de Padenham, tallagers for the county of Oxford, forbidding them to levy tallage on the goods of citizens of London in the vill of Henleye. Dated at Wyndesore, 13 Feb., 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1312-13].¹

Saturday the eve of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], came William le Cirgier de Yvyane before Nicholas de Farendone, the Mayor, Stephen de Abyndone and Henry de Durham, Aldermen, and delivered to John Dode, the Chamberlain, the sum of 10 marks 7s. and 8d., which he owed to Nicholas de Aka, called "othe Roke," deceased, for distribution among Richard, Nicholas, and Isabella, children of the said Nicholas. And be it remembered that the said Richard has no mother living; but the said Nicholas and Isabella have a mother named Helewysa de Attelburgh, to whom their share is committed as next friend on her finding sureties, viz., Andrew de Gloucestre, goldsmith, and Adam de Depedene, "corder" de Bredestret.

On the following Monday came Master Nicholas de Gore and paid into the Chamber 12s. for a silver cup which belonged to the said Nicholas de Aka.

Afterwards, viz., on Friday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], at the instance of John de Lincoln, surgeon, a sum of money was delivered to Andrew de Gloucestre, goldsmith, to the use of the above Richard, until he came of age, the said Andrew finding sureties, viz., Robert de Gloucestre and John de Chibenhurst, goldsmiths.

Fo. ii.

*Br'e R' mis-
sum vic' Lon-
don' pro Will'o
Molendinar'
et aliis inprisonatis apud
Neugate du-
cent' usq' Rof-
fam cor' Justic'
Itinerant'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London to bring up the bodies of William Miller de Lambeherst, Thomas, son of John le Parker de Otteford, and Roger de Stoke, son of John ate Nore, prisoners in Neugate, before Hervey de Stanton and his fellow Justices Itinerant in the county of Kent, to answer for divers felonies, &c., committed in the said county. Witness, W[illiam] de Ormesby,² at Rochester, 25 [Nov.?³], anno 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313].

¹ Printed in 'Liber Albus,' vol. i. p. 428.

² Justiciar of Scotland in 1297. Wal-

ingham, Hist. Angl.' (Rolls Series), i. 64.

³ The month is accidentally omitted.

Return made with the assent of Nicholas de Farendone, the Mayor, John de Wengrave, Henry de Durem, Simon Corp, Simon de Paris, and Henry de Gloucestre, Aldermen, to the above writ to the effect that William Miller de Lambherst had been arrested by the Sheriff of London on suspicion of larceny, and that he forthwith turned approver (*devenit probator*) before the Coroner, and appealed the above Thomas as well as John de Wynchester and John Hokeday, who were thereupon arrested and committed to Neugate, there to remain until the gaol delivery by the King's Justices, according to the custom.¹

Similar writ to bring up the body of Robert Tourk. Witness, W[illiam] de Ormesby, at Rochester, the 20th Nov., 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313].

*Br'e R' ad
capiend'
Rob'm Tourk
et ducend' cor'
Justic' Itiner'
apud Roffam.*

Be it remembered that on Wednesday next after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], Simon de Abyndone, Geoffrey de Hertpol, and Simon de Parys were elected Aldermen by the men of the Wards whereof they are now Aldermen, viz., Simon de Abyndone, who formerly was Alderman of Tower Ward, was elected Alderman of the Ward of Billyngesgate, because in that Ward he resides; Geoffrey de Hertpol was elected Alderman of Candelwikstrate, and Simon de Paris, Alderman of the Ward of Chepe. These were sworn, the day and year aforesaid, to keep the customs of the City according to their power, &c.

Afterwards, viz., on the following Friday, came good men of the Ward of Tower aforesaid, and prayed the Mayor and Aldermen that they might have again the aforesaid Simon de Abyndone to remain Alderman of Tower Ward as before, and it was granted to them, &c. The same Friday, Roger le Palmere was elected and sworn Alderman of the Ward of Castle Baynard, &c. Afterwards, on Monday before the Feast of St. Vincent [22 Jan.], the same year, Geoffrey de Hertpol, Alder-

¹ Writ and return faultily transcribed from the Letter-Book into the 'Liber Albus,' and so printed in the 'Liber Albus' of the Rolls Series (i. 297, 298).

man, was elected Recorder and sworn, receiving from the Chamber yearly what is customary, &c.

*Admissio Rob'i
de Swalclyve
in Recordatorem, etc.*

Be it remembered that on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], Geoffrey de Hertpol was removed from the office of Recorder; and afterwards, on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], the same year, Robert de Swalclyve was elected and admitted Recorder in his place and sworn, &c.

Fo. ii b.

Tuesday after the Feast of Translation of St. Edward the King [13 Oct.], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], it was agreed by John de Gysors, the Mayor, William de Leire, John de Lincoln, William de Coumbemartyn, Roger de Frowik, Simon Corp, Henry de Gloucestre, and Simon Bolet, Aldermen, that there should be allowed to Luke de Haveryng, late Chamberlain, in his account, the sum of £10 which he paid to Hugh de Waltham, by order of Richer de Refham, the Mayor, for a suit which the said Hugh prosecuted in the Exchequer anno 4 Edward II. for getting the citizens relieved from certain exactions. It was further agreed that the said Hugh should have £10 for a similar suit prosecuted in the Exchequer anno 6 Edward II., touching the rent of a tenement in Milkstrete tenanted by Leo the Jew, which formerly belonged to Martin de Virly, the Norman.¹ It was further agreed to give the executors of Nicholas Picot, late Chamberlain, an acquittance in full for his term of office, on the testimony of Stephen de Abyndone, William Bidik, and other auditors of his accounts. Afterwards, on Monday the morrow of St. Martin [11 Nov.], the same year, the aforesaid agreements were approved by John de Wengrave, Simon de Paris, John Lambyn, Stephen de Abyndone, and Roger de Paris, Aldermen, who had been absent on the previous occasion. *Quere plus de hac materia in xiiij^o folio sequenti* [fo. xvi b].

[Fos. iii, iii b blank.]

Fo. iv.

Friday before the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1312], there came to the Guildhall John de Gysors, the Mayor, many of the Aldermen [not named] and good men of

¹ *Vide infra*, fo. x.

the Commonalty of every mistery (*officio*), to treat of certain articles for the Commonalty, who submitted to the Mayor and Aldermen the following grievances, and thereupon proposed certain articles for the common weal, and desired that they might thenceforth be straitly observed, viz. :—

Peticio exhibita Maiori et Ald' per communitem.

First, that peace and concord be nourished and preserved throughout the City by neighbourly unity (*sub vicinali unitate*).

Item, that forasmuch as many citizens, owing to their youth, are not sufficiently instructed in the ancient laws, franchises, and customs of the City, it is agreed that matters connected with the duties of divers bailiffs, as well within the City as in the ports of the same, and the statutes and ordinances regulating the various trades and handicrafts, be duly enrolled in a register, and that once or twice a year they be read in public assembly, and copies be delivered to such as desire them. Also that every Alderman attend more diligently to his duties, under penalty of loss of office.

Item, forasmuch as Sheriffs, Clerks, and Serjeants, by virtue of their bailiwick, continue to commit extortions upon those bringing victuals to the City, and are very remiss in doing justice to those who make complaint before them, giving rise to murmurings and great scandal in the City, it is agreed that the Mayor and Aldermen shall diligently inquire into the matter and provide a remedy.

Item, forasmuch as the City ought always to be governed by the aid of men engaged in trade and handicrafts, and whereas it was anciently accustomed that no stranger (*persona extranea*), native or foreign (*alienigena*), whose position and character were unknown, should be admitted to the freedom of the City until the merchants and craftsmen whose business he wished to enter had previously certified the Mayor and Aldermen of his condition and trustworthiness, the whole Commonalty pray that such observance may be strictly kept for the future as regards the wholesale trades (*grossiora officia*) and handicrafts (*operabilia*).¹

¹ This paragraph is set out in the 'Liber Albus,' i. 495. *Grossiora officia* may mean the "more important trades," an interpretation

given to the words by Riley in his translation of the 'Liber Albus.' Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' Intro., p. vi.

Item, complaint was made to the Mayor and Aldermen that John Simeon, a draper and merchant stranger, had been admitted to the freedom by favour of certain great men and contrary to the will of the good men of the mistery. The whole Commonalty pray that he may be ousted from the freedom. And the said John came and willingly disclaimed and surrendered to the Mayor the freedom so acquired.

The same was done touching Hugh Trippe, valet to the said John Simeon.

Fo. iv b.

*De amissione
libertatis Ge-
rardi Dorgoil.*

Proceedings against Gerard Dorgoil, vintner, for receiving into his hostel (he being a public hosteler by virtue of his enjoying the freedom of the City¹) the wines of merchant strangers, to wit of Reymond de Busson and Andrew de Durem and others, for the purpose of selling the same at a higher price than that charged by the said merchants; also for selling the said wines to strangers and others without the intervention of a broker, and concealing the wine in a wharf, enclosed with a paling, which formerly belonged to Alice la Molere; also for selling wine after it had become unwholesome, and for removing it to the hostel of the Bishop of Winchester in Suthwerk and elsewhere to avoid discovery by the scrutineers in their annual search, and bringing it back after the search was over, &c. The said Gerard pleads not guilty and is ready to defend by his law, &c., but Robert de Keleseye and David de Cotesbrok, who prosecute for the City, say that this cannot be allowed, and demand judgment. A day given. Gerard puts himself on the favour of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, and surrenders his freedom. Judgment given that he lose his freedom, &c.

*Cogn' Regin'
de Thunderle.*

Saturday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], came Reginald de Thunderle before John de Gysors, Mayor, and the rest of the Aldermen, and agreed that the sum of 70s. due from him for arrears of tallages should be raised out of the rent of a tenement held

¹ He appears to have taken up the freedom since 1300, for in that year he and other Portuguese inhabitants

of the City were ordered by the Mayor and Aldermen to keep no hostels. 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 65.

of him by Geoffrey ate Welle in the parish of St. Laurence de Candelwikstrete. Afterwards it happened that the said Reginald died before the money was paid, and the Sheriffs were ordered to levy. Thereupon came the said Geoffrey and declared that no distress could be made, inasmuch as Margery, the late wife of the said Reginald, had entered on the tenement. The said Margery came and claimed to be joint-feoffee with her husband, but for the good of her husband's soul she consented to pay the amount due.

*Pleas before Ralph de Hengham and his fellow-Justices of the Bench,
Easter Term, anno 33 Edward I. Roll cxlviii.*

FO. v.

Precept formerly sent to the Sheriffs of London to levy certain sums on the lands and chattels of Thomas le Orfevre de Newenham, for delivery of the same in the King's Court at York to William Brun in the octave of St. Michael last for damages in respect of a certain waste committed in a tenement in Eye and Westbourne,¹ co. Middlesex, &c. The defendant pleads a general release in writing, which the plaintiff declares not to be his, and puts himself upon the witnesses named in the writing, viz., John Whityng, Alexander de Reygate, Walter de Bakhous, Nicholas Lovel, William Sterre, Henry Gates, Robert de Aldenham, William le Brewere, and John Virli, and also upon a jury. A day given for the said witnesses and a jury of twelve to appear. Five of the witnesses (two of whom had married daughters of the said Thomas) declare the writing to be that of the said William, whilst the rest of the witnesses and the jury deny it. Thereupon the five witnesses are examined separately, and because their evidence seemed tainted, owing

*Processus int'
Thom' de
Newenham et
Will'm le
Brun.*

¹ "Eye" or "Eia" was the name of a manor granted soon after the Conquest by Geoffrey de Mandeville to the Abbot of Westminster. It comprised a large tract of land of which Hyde Park formed a part. Hence we find William Brun designated *infra* (p. 16) as "de la Hyde." Its name is preserved to us at the present day

in Ebury Street and Ebury Square. "Westbourne" was the name of another manor, which also became the property of the Abbey. The "bourne," or stream, from which the manor was called separated it from the manor of Paddington. It originally fed the Serpentine, and made its way out to the Thames near Chelsea.

to their family relationship with the said Thomas and for other reasons, judgment was given in favour of the said William, and the said Thomas is committed to Flete prison.

Afterwards, in the octave of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 34 Edward I. [A.D. 1305-6], the said Thomas acknowledged 55 marks to the said William Brun "de la Hyde,"¹ and the said William gave a release.

Fo. vi.

*Admissio
Joh'is Vanne
in libertatem
civitatis.*

Friday before the Feast of Annunciation [25 March], 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1312-13], John Vanne de Luka, merchant, admitted to the freedom of the City by the assent of John de Gysors, Mayor, John de Wengrave, Roger de Frowyk, William de Coumbemartyn, Stephen de Abyndone, Henry de Gloucestre, Richard de Willehale, Simon Bolet, Roger de Paris, and Nigel Druri, Aldermen, and John Lambyn and Adam Ludekyn, Sheriffs, in the presence of good men of each mistery (*de quolibet officio*) assembled in the Guildhall. Thereupon the said John Vanne was sworn to contribute to all the City's charges, &c., notwithstanding the charter of exemption granted to him and to John and "Colluchius" Bellard² by the King at the request of John of Brittany, Earl of Richmond, Hugh le Despenser, and Robert Fitz Pain, the steward of his household; the said charter being dated at Westminster, 3 March, anno 2 Edward II. [A.D. 1308-9].

*Carta Joh'is
Vanne.*

*Concessio facta
per Joh'em de
Triple.*

The same day John de Triple was admitted to the freedom on the same conditions, notwithstanding the King's charter of exemption, dated at Westminster, 15 July, 4 Edward II. [A.D. 1310].

Fo. vi b.

*Breve R' ad
habend' corp'
Joh'is le
Despens' cor'
Justic' apud
Westm'.*

Writ *pluries* to the Sheriffs of London to produce John le Despenser before the Justices at Westminster in the octave of St. John the Baptist [24 June], that he may render an account of money received on behalf of John de Whatefeld. Witness,

¹ "Hyde" was the name of a manor adjoining Knightsbridge, the site of which is now known as Hyde Park.

² In 1299 John Bellard had been appointed one of the King's money-

changers, and on that account he (and probably for a similar reason the others) was not liable to taxation, &c. See 'Calendar Letter-Book C,' pp. 42, 102-3.

W[illiam] de Bereford at Westminster, 22 May, 6 Edward II.
[A.D. 1313].

Return made to the effect that they could not obey the writ, inasmuch as the said John le Despenser was in their custody on another charge at the suit of James de Cassebaunk, merchant, and they were bound to produce him before the Mayor at the next Husting. Indemnity granted to the said Sheriffs, viz., John Lambyn and Adam Ludekyn.

Retornum.

Writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor and Sheriffs for the seizure of all ships and goods of Flemings found in their bailiwick, and for their detention until further orders. Dated at Pountoyse, 19 June, 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1313].¹

*Breve R^o pro
arresto faci^{do}
sup^r Flandr^r.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London notifying the adjournment of the Parliament at Westminster from the quinzaine of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June] to Sunday after the Feast of St. Matthew, Ap., next [21 Sept.], and enjoining them to see that the City sends two representatives. Dated at Westminster, 26 July, 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313].

*Adiornacio
P^rliamenti
per breve.*

Afterwards a certain commission was made, in which Nicholas de Farendone, William de Leire, William Servat, and Stephen de Abyndone, Aldermen, were assigned to the Parliament aforesaid.

[Fo. vii blank.]

Tuesday after *Clausum Pasche*, 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], came Johanna, late wife of William de Hanyngtone, before John de Gisors, Mayor, and the rest of the Aldermen, and found security for the guardianship of Roesia, daughter of the said William, according to the terms of his will.² Sureties, viz., Robert Persone, skinner, Robert de Dodeford and Hervey de Beri, skinner.

Fo. vii b.

*Custodia
Roesie filie
Willⁱ de
Hanyngtone.*

Wednesday after the Translation of St. Edward, K. [13 Oct.], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], came Laurence de Hanyngtone, skinner, and found security for the goods left by the above

*Custod^r Johⁱs
filⁱ Willⁱ de
Hanyngtone.*

¹ Printed from the Letter-Book in 'Collection Générale des Documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre' (Delpit), p. 62.

² Proved and enrolled in the Husting in March, 1313. See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust., Lond.,' i. 237-8.

William de Hanyngtone to John his son, whose guardian he had been appointed. And forasmuch as complaint had been made to the Mayor and Aldermen that the said John had not been decently maintained, the said Laurence was ordered to provide him yearly whilst at school with a furred gown, a coat of "Alemayne" with tunic (*colobio*) to match, four pairs of linen cloths, sufficient shoes (*calciaturam*), and a decent bed, and every week give him tenpence for his commons and hostage (*pro communibus suis et hostilag'*). Sureties for the said Laurence, viz., John de Cotom and William de Camerewelle, skimmers.

*Custod' Ric'i
fil' Will'i de
Hanyngt'.*

Friday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], Peter de New Castle found security for the guardianship of Richard, son of William de Hanyngtone, in the presence of Henry de Gloucestre and Nigel Druri, Aldermen, who had been deputed by the Mayor and Aldermen to go to him, as he was too unwell to come to them. Sureties, viz., Robert [de] Knapwelle and Robert Ilger, skimmers.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], the same year, the said Peter found other sureties, viz., Robert de Knapwelle and William Tovy, skimmers, &c.

Fo. viii.

*Breve d'ni
Regis de Stapla
lanariorum.*

Letters patent directing that the sale of wool and woofels, instead of taking place as heretofore in divers places in Brabant, Flanders, and Artois, shall take place in some town fixed upon by the Mayor and Commonalty of the wool merchants. Dated at Canterbury, 20 May, 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1313].¹

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs of London to similar effect (*imperfect*).

Fo. viii b.

Saturday before the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], came John, son of William de Hanyngtone, before Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, John de Gisors, Nicholas de Farendone, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, Robert de Keleseye, Richard de Gloucestre, Elyas de Suffolk, and Hamo Godchep, Aldermen, and demanded his property from Laurence de Hanyngtone, as he was of full age to receive it according to the custom of the City. The said Laurence came and rendered his account, paying over what was due to

¹ Printed by Delpit (*op. cit.*), p. 47.

the said John, who gave an acquittance witnessed by Stephen de Abyndone, Mayor, Hamo Godchep and William de Bodele, Sheriffs, Robert de Dodefurd, Hervy de Buri, Hugh de Wircestre, Edmund Cosyn, William de Camerwell, Richard de Hodesdone, baker, William Tovy, Robert de Knapwell, John de Cotoun, Gilbert atte Hurst, and others [not named], and dated 1 April, 9 Edward II.

Afterwards, viz., on Friday the eve of Christmas, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], the said John came before John de Wengrave, Mayor, Robert de Kelesey and Roger de Paris, Aldermen, and John Dode, the Chamberlain, and demanded a distress on the said Laurence for the sum of £8. Thereupon the said Laurence came and paid the money and was acquitted. And inasmuch as the said John appeared to the Mayor and Aldermen to be of tender age, he was asked if he had any friend to whom his money might be entrusted. Thereupon came Hervey de Beri, who had married Johanna, the mother of the said John, and acknowledged that he had received the property of the said John in trust for him, &c.

Thursday after the Feast of H. Trinity [10 June], 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], the guardianship of John, the younger son of William atte Vigne, was entrusted by the Mayor and Aldermen to John atte Vigne the elder, his brother, together with the sum of £9 sterling, a cup of silver with stand weighing 36s. 3d., and four silver spoons weighing 4s. 7d., which were given up by Cecilia ate More and Richard de Wroteham, executors of William ate Vigne. Sureties, viz., John le Fraunceis, "joignour," and Richard de Wroteham, "bureller." Paid for enrolment 2s. 6d. for the clerk's fee.

*Custodia Joh'is
filii Will'i ate
Vigne.*

Afterwards, viz., on Monday before the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], the above John ate Vigne, junior, came to the Husting and claimed his property, as being of full age, and it was given to him, and his brother John, senior, is quit.

Thursday the eve of the Purification [2 Feb.], 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1312-13], came John de Bureford, spicer, Simon de Abyndone, draper, John de Codigntone [*sic*], Walter de

Fo. ix.

Fo. ix b.

*De trona civi-
tat' emendata.* Chesewyk, John de Hamme, Richard de Hakeneye, and other woolmen, to the Guildhall, before J[ohn] de Gysorz, Mayor, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, Henry de Durham, John de Wyndesore, William Servad, William de Combemartyn, Anketin de Gisors, Stephen de Abyndone, and Roger de Paris, Aldermen; and forasmuch as they had been given to understand that the City Tron for weighing wool bought and sold was defective, and that John Powell who had charge of it was incapacitated for the office by reason of his eyesight, the said John de Bureford and others aforenamed were sworn to prove the said Tron and, if necessary, to amend it, and to choose some trusty person to take charge of it. Thereupon a certain Thomas le Aunseremakere¹ made assay of the Tron with the weights at the Guildhall and found it true; and the woolmen aforesaid elected William Diry weigher at the Tron in the place of John Powel, the said William making oath to weigh justly, and to take no more than the charges prescribed.

*De Joh'e de
Waldesshef
communi
Narratori[sic]
civitatis.* Wednesday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19], the freedom of the City and an annuity of 100s. granted to John de Waldesshef by John de Wengrave, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and good men from each Ward, for his pains in the late Parliament at York and in divers of the King's courts. And the said John came and pledged himself to serve the City faithfully in the future.

*De Gregorio
de Northone
communi
narratori[sic]
civitatis.* Monday the morrow of St. Gregory [12 March], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19], Gregory de Nortone elected Common Serjeant and Pleader of the City by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty at 100s. a year.

*De Joli'e de
Burchon' [sic]
co'i clerico.* In a Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday after the Feast of St. Edward, K. [5 Jan.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], John de Burtone, clerk, elected and sworn clerk of the Chamber of the Guildhall in the presence of John de Wengrave, Mayor, R[obert] de Keles[eye], Richard de Gloucestre, John de la Chaumbre, John Poyntel, and other Aldermen [not named],

¹ Otherwise known as Thomas Torgot or Torgod the "ancermaker." See 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 214, note 3; 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 113, notes 1 and 2.

Richard But, Matthew de Essex, William de Hakford, Walter Gorst, and other commoners [not named].

Proceedings taken, *temp.* John de Gysors, Mayor, by Hugh de Waltham, clerk, before the Barons of the Exchequer for discharging the citizens and Sheriffs of London of the sum of 5 marks yearly exacted in the Pipe among purprestures touching a certain messuage held by Leo the Jew, which belonged to Martin de Virly the Norman, in Melkstrete, and arrears of the same.¹

Fos. x-xii

Exchequer accounts touching arrears of purprestures under the various Sheriffs between 18 Edward I. and 5 Edward II. (omitting the year 24 Edward I.).

Judgment by the Mayor and Aldermen touching a contract made on Tuesday before Pentecost [3 June], 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], by Master Simon de Caunterbire, carpenter, to build a house on land belonging to Ralph de Beri, in the parish of St. Mary ate Hille de Billingesgate, for a sum of £36, of which £10 had been paid in advance. The said Ralph had died before the building had been begun, and by his will² had devised the said tenement to John his son, charged with an annual payment of 40s. to Ralph, brother of the said John, during the lifetime of Amicia their mother. The said Ralph had made no mention in his will of the said contract, nor had made any bequest for building the said house, and so the executors could do nothing. They therefore came, together with the said Amicia, to ask a remedy of the Mayor and Aldermen. Thereupon it was agreed that the house should be built out of the goods and chattels bequeathed to John and Ralph, the aforesaid sons of Ralph de Beri, with the assistance, if necessary, of the private means of Amicia their mother, who was to hold the house as security for money advanced.

Fo. xii b.

*Convencio int
Magr'm
Simon de
Nork't [sic]
carpenter et
executor test'i
Rad'i de Beri.*

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday after the Annunciation [25 March], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315], the said Amicia came and charged herself with certain sums of money due to Edmund and Roesia, children of the said Ralph, as well as to the afore-

¹ The proceedings are printed at length in 'Liber Cust.' i. 137-147.

² 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust., London,' i. 242.

said children John and Ralph. Sureties, viz., Ralph de Storteford, "gaunter," and William de Writtele, "furmager."

Fo. xiii.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], came Richard Pikeman (who married the above Amicia, late wife of Ralph de Bery, and was guardian of the children of the said Ralph), together with Ralph de Storteford, a surety of the said Amicia, before the Mayor and Aldermen, and the said Richard charged himself with the money, &c., due to the said children, and asked the Court to adjudge him the same property that had been adjudicated to the said Amicia. The Court assented. An account taken and recorded.

Thereupon came Thomas de Cumbe, uncle of the aforesaid children, and demanded their custody as next of kin, and it was granted. And the aforesaid Richard paid to the said Thomas the money due to the above Edmund and Roesia. Sureties for the said Thomas, viz., Walter le Meleward.....(*cut off*).

Afterwards, in the month of May, 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], came Peter le Chaundeler and Roesia his wife, daughter of the above Ralph de "Beri," and demanded the share of money belonging to the said Roesia, and it was paid.

[More particulars of the property of the children of the above Ralph de Bery are roughly entered on two cedulae attached to fo. xiii.]

Fo. xiv.

*Placitum cor-
Justic' d'ni
R^o de Banco
placitatum in
quo allocata
fuit libertas
civitatis.*

Geoffrey, son of William de Say, summoned for not paying a sum of money due under a bond of his father to Geoffrey de Paris, now deceased. Johanna, widow of the said Geoffrey, and Roger le Graunt and William Levechilde, his executors, prosecute. The defendant pleads that the bond is not his father's. A jury claimed, but opposed by the Mayor and Bailiffs (*ballivi*) of London, on the ground that the contract had been made in the City.¹ Their objection held good. Thereupon a day given to the parties, viz., Sunday after the Feast of St. Valentine

¹ Cf. the ordinance *De Recordo apud Sanctum Martinum Magnum* ('Liber Albus,' i. 474) forbidding persons residing in the City to remove

a record and process from St. Martin le Grand to the Common Law Judges without leave of the Mayor and Aldermen.

[14 Feb.], 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1312-13], to be at St. Martin le Grand, together with jurors; on which day they duly appeared, together with a jury of the venue of the parish of St. Michael atte Corne, before H[ervey] de Stanton, one of the Justices. The jurors find that the bond was entered into by William de Say. Afterwards judgment was given at Westminster in favour of the plaintiffs, and the said Geoffrey was condemned in 100s. damages.¹

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313-14], the custody of Agnes and Johanna, daughters of Robert Cook de Bisshopesgate,² entrusted to Katherine, widow of the said Robert and mother of his said children, together with the sum of 20 marks bequeathed to the said Agnes, and a feather bed, 2 blankets, 6 sheets, 2 tablecloths, 3 towels, and a brass pot and dish; and likewise the sum of 10 marks bequeathed to the said Johanna, and 1 mark quitrent of a tenement formerly belonging to the said John [sic] in the parish of All Hallows near the Wall. Sureties, viz., William de Pontefract and Roger Huberd.

Fo. xiv b.

*Custodia
puerorum
Roberti Coc.*

Afterwards came Robert Soygne de Writtle, who married the above Agnes, and asked that her chattels might be delivered to him, and the Mayor and Aldermen consented, sitting in the Husting on Monday after the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15]. Thereupon the sureties of the said Katherine delivered the same to the said Robert and Agnes.

Saturday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313-14], the custody of Richard, William, and Johanna, children of Peter de Bramptone, entrusted to Walter de Burle and Dyonisia his wife, widow of the said Peter and mother of his said children, in the presence of Nicholas de Farendone, the Mayor, John de Gysors, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, Henry de Durham, and Henry de Gloucestre, Aldermen, together with the sum of £6 bequeathed to them.

*Custodia pu-
erorum Petri
de Brampton'.*

¹ Proceedings set out in full in
'Liber Albus,' i. 429-432.

² See the will of Robert "le Keu"

or Cook of the parish of St. Albarga within Bishopsgate. 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust.,' i. 243.

Sureties, viz., Thomas, son of Gilbert de la Marche, and John de la Myne, woodmonger.

And be it known that the aforesaid money was delivered to the said Walter and Dyonisia in the presence of John Dode, the Chamberlain, by John de Haddeham, executor of the said Peter.

Fo. xv.

*Commissio
taxator³ xv⁶
d'no R^o E. fil^o
R^o E. anno vij^o
concesse.*

Letters Patent of the King notifying the citizens of London of the appointment of John de Gisorz, William de Leire, Roger de Frowik, and Stephen de Abyndone, together with the King's clerk, Richard de Luda, as assessors of the tax of a fifteenth of their movables granted by cities and boroughs. Dated at Westminster, 1 Dec., 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313].¹

Forma taxationis.

The manner of making the taxation.²

Deed of acquittance from Johanna, daughter of Robert Cook, of the parish of St. Athelburga within Bisshopesgate, to Katherine her mother, for the sum of 10 marks bequeathed to her by her father. Dated Monday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Fo. xv b.

*Custodia Joh^e
fil^o Thom^o le
Wodere.*

Thursday after the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], the custody of Johanna, daughter of Thomas le Wodere, entrusted to Gilbert de Mordone and Leticia his wife, relict of the said Thomas and mother of the said Johanna, in the presence of Nicholas de Farndone, the Mayor, John de Gisors, John de Wengrave, William Servat, Stephen de Abyndone, Simon de Paris, Simon Corp, and Roger de Paris, Aldermen, together with the sum of £40, subject to the condition (*inter alia*) that they will not marry her to any one without the assent of her friends. Sureties, viz., William de Bray and Henry Gubbe, "stokfishmongeres."

Monday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], the custody of Thomas, son of Christina de Comptone, entrusted to David de Tilleberi, apothecary, in the presence of Nicholas de Farendone, the Mayor, John de Wengrave, John de Gisors, Anketyne de Gisors, John de Wyndesore,

¹ Printed in Palgrave's 'Parl. Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 116, and Rymer's 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 238.

² Printed from the Letter-Book in 'Parl. Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 119. Cf. 'Liber Cust.,' i. 193; ii. 568.

Stephen de Abyndone, and Roger de Paris, Aldermen, together with the sum of £4 9s. 5d. in money, a silver cup weighing 11s. 10d., a cup weighing 6s. 1d., a gold buckle (*firmaculo*) of the value of 9s., three silver spoons weighing 2s. 9d., a cloth and a towel of the value of 6s., and a tenement in the parish of All Hallows de Berkyngcherche. Sureties, viz., Osbert de Arcubus and Thomas de Arcubus, apothecaries.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], Andrew Horn, fishmonger, elected Chamberlain of the Chamber of the Guildhall, and sworn, &c., in the presence of Hamo de Chigwell, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, receiving yearly *prout decet*, &c.

*Eleccio Andr^o
Horn in
Camer^o et irro^o
in Rubeo libro^o
juxta Ham^o
de Chykwelle,
Maiorem.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs bidding them see to the better preservation of the King's peace by due observance of the Statute of Winchester,² inasmuch as the King was about to proceed to Scotland to put down the rebellion there. Dated at Peterborough, 13 April, 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].

Fo. xvi.

*Breve d'ni R^o
pro pace conser-
vanda secun-
dum articulos
stat^o Wynton^o.*

Proclamation made by Nicholas de Farendone, the Mayor, for preserving the peace in the City, pursuant to the above writ.

*Proclamacio
facta pro
conservacione
pacis.*

Writ to the Deputy-Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, blaming them for having allowed the citizens to elect another in the place of Richard de Horsham, recently elected Sheriff, who had failed to appear before the Barons of the Exchequer,³ and bidding them in future to admit those who are nominated before them as Sheriffs, whether they actually are present or not, and to exact fines from those who fail to appear. Dated at Westminster, 26 Sept., 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313].

Fo. xvi b.

*Breve d'ni R^o
pro vicecom^o
Lond^o absent^o
et ad scacca-
rium Reg^o
present^o.*

Tuesday after the Feast of H. Trinity [2 June], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], came Hugh de Waltham, executor of Nicholas Picot, late Chamberlain, before Nicholas de Farendone, the Mayor, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, William Trente,

¹ Referring to Letter-Book D. See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 30.

² Passed in 1285 (13 Edward I. cap. 4-6) for the general protection of the realm. See 'Statutes of the

Realm' (1810), vol. i. pp. 96-98. Cf. *infra*, fo. cxxxiv b.

³ See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 19, 20; *Intro.*, p. xiii.

Henry de Gloucestre, and Simon Corp, Aldermen, sitting *in loquendis*, and asked that a certain acquittance under the Common Seal of the account of the said Nicholas might be delivered to him; and inasmuch as William de Bidik, John de Paris, Matthew de Essex, and other auditors of the account of the said Nicholas testified that the sum of £19, which the executors of William de Wolcherchewawe had paid for the repair of the pavement within Bishshopesgate, had not come into the hands of the said Nicholas, but had been retained by John le "Blound," at that time Mayor, it was agreed that the acquittance should be delivered to the said Hugh on his undertaking to make himself responsible for the money, in case of default by the said Nicholas and his executors, and on the understanding that he should receive the assistance of the Mayor and Aldermen in prosecuting the heirs and executors of the aforesaid John le "Blount."

Fo. xvii.

*Br'e dn'i R'
ad venire faci'
Joh'em de Fri-
singfeld coram
Justic' de
Banco.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to bring up the body of John de "Fresingfeld," confined in prison for a debt due to Robert Burdeyn, goldsmith, before the King's Justices at Westminster on the morrow of the Ascension. Witness, W[illiam] de Bereford, at Westminster, 7 May, 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].

Return to the effect that the above John will be brought up by the Sheriffs on the day and at the place named in the writ, and that Robert Burdeyn had been attached to appear likewise by Roger atte Watre and William de Hertynge.

*Optimum br'e
Regis pro assis'
de no(cumento)
liberi ten'.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to enforce the repair of tenements, parts of which are occupied by different tenants. Dated at York, 4 May, 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].¹

Fo. xvii b.

*Custodia
pueror' Ric'i
de Welleford.*

4 May, 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], the custody of John and Alice, children of Richard de Welleford,² entrusted to Agnes their mother, in the presence of Nicholas de Farndone, Mayor, John de Wengrave, Henry de Durem, Simon de Corp, Richard de Willehale, and Henry de Gloucestre, Aldermen. Sureties,

¹ Printed in 'Liber Albus,' i. 469, 470.

² His will proved and enrolled in

the Husting in March, 1313. Further particulars are recorded *infra*, fo. ccl b.

viz., William de Fourneis and William de Bray, "stokfiss-mongere."

5 June, 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], the custody of Henry and Thomas, sons of the above Richard de Welleford, entrusted to John de Welleford, "chaucer." Sureties, viz., John de Paris, corder, and Robert de Welleford, "chaucer."

*Custodia
pueror' Ric'i
de Welleford.*

Afterwards, viz., on Monday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326-7], the above Henry came and acknowledged the receipt of a certain sum of money, and the above John de Welleford is quit of guardianship.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Botolph [17 June], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], came William de Honylane, vintner, before N[icholas] de Farndone, Mayor, and John Dode, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he had in his custody the sum of 100 marks which John de Honylane bequeathed to William, John, and Hugh his sons and Marion and Alice his daughters, to trade with on their behalf. Sureties, viz., William le Dorturer and Stephen de Hereford, "peleter."

*Custodia
pueror' Joh'is
de Honylane.*

Monday after the Feast of H. Trinity [2 June], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], precept to Philip de Merdele, Serjeant of the Chamber, by Nicholas de Farendone, the Mayor, John de Gysors, John de Wengrave, Richard de Gloucestre, William de Leire, William Trente, Stephen de Abyndone, Simon Corp, Roger de Paris, Simon de Paris, Nigel Druri, and William Cosyn, Aldermen, that he warn all the underwritten persons whose pledges for arrears of divers tallages still remain in the Chamber, in the custody of John Dode, the Chamberlain, to redeem them within the next fortnight; those not redeemed to be delivered by the Chamberlain to Laurence Albyn, fishmonger, and Juliana his wife at their appraised value, in part payment of the sum of 25 marks due to her by the Commonalty of the City in respect of a like sum paid into the Chamber by Master William de Oteswich and Thomas de Karlisle, executors of Sir Hugh de Hengham, on Monday before *Carnipriviūm*, anno 3 Edward II., to the use of Robert, son of the said Juliana, then under age; which money had been delivered by Thomas Romain, then Mayor, and the Aldermen and Commonalty to Sir John de

Fo. xviii.

*Deliberacio
vadior' captor'
pro arr' tal
lagior' facta
Laur' Albyn
et Juliane de
Knaptoni.*

"Cendal,"¹ Treasurer of the lord the King, to expedite the City's business. And inasmuch as the aforesaid Robert had died under age the money ought to revert to the aforesaid Juliana. Pursuant to which precept the aforesaid Chamberlain delivered to the said Laurence and Juliana the underwritten pledges by an indenture.

[Here follow the indenture and particulars of pledges. Printed in 'Memorials,' pp. 108-110.]

Fo. xviii b.

Monday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313-14], lease of the moor² to Adam le Peyntour de Bradestrete by John Dode, the Chamberlain, for a term of one year from Easter next, at a rent of 40s.

Fo. xix.

*Custodia
Margarete filie
Rob'i de
Astone.*

24 May, 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], came William de Bray, "stokfisshmongere," one of the executors of Robert de Astone, "stokfisshmongere," before Nicholas de Farendone, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he had received from Alice, widow of the said Robert, Richard Pourte, and Gilbert de Mordone, "stokfisshmongere," his co-executors, divers sums of money for the benefit of Margaret, daughter of the aforesaid Robert, at that time ten years of age. Sureties, viz., Gilbert de Mordone and William de Brikendone, "stokfisshmongeres." And he paid the fee to the clerks.

*Custodia Hug'
filii predicti
Roberti.*

The same day came Alice, widow and executrix of the above Robert de Astone, before the Mayor and Chamberlain, and acknowledged that she had received the sum of £30 to the use of Hugh, son of the above Robert, who would be eight years old on the Feast of St. Margaret next. Sureties, viz., Philip Lucas and Bartholomew de Bayford, "stokfisshmongere." And she paid the fee to the clerks.

*Custodia Mar-
gerie filie pre-
dicti Roberti.*

The same day came Richard Pourte, "stokfisshmongere," one of the executors of the above Robert, and acknowledged that he had received the sum of £30 to the use of Margery, daughter of the said Robert, who would be six years of age at Michael-

¹ Various spelt "Sandale" or "Sendale." For a short time Dean of St. Paul's; elected in 1316 Bishop of Winchester.

² Finsbury Moor, or the "Moor of Bedleem," to the north of the City between Moorgate and Bishopsgate. Cf. *supra*, p. 7; 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 239.

mas next. Sureties, viz., John de Prestone, corder, and Geoffrey Pourte, "stokfisshmongere," &c.

The same day came Gilbert de Mordone, "stokfisshmongere," the fourth executor of the said Robert, and acknowledged that he had received the sum of £30 to the use of Emma, daughter of the said Robert, who was five years of age last All Saints' Day. Sureties, viz., William de Bray and Pentecost Russel, &c.

*Custodia
Emme fil' dicti
Roberti.*

Afterwards, viz., on Monday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16], the above Richard Pourte being dead, his executors, viz., Geoffrey Pourte and Thomas de Boys, were summoned to render an account of the money received by the said Richard on behalf of Margery, daughter of Robert de Astone, and of mesne profits. They accordingly rendered an account and were acquitted.

Saturday after the Feast of Nativity of St. John the Baptist [24 June], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], came John de Chibenherst, goldsmith, and Alice his wife, relict of John de Honylane, before Nicholas de Farendone, the Mayor, and the rest of the Aldermen [not named], and found sureties, viz., William le Dorturer, clerk, and Andrew de Gloucestre, goldsmith, to answer for the property belonging to William, Hugh, and John, sons of the said John de Honylane, and Marion and Alice his daughters, according to the terms of the will of the said John de Honylane, proved and enrolled in the Husting of London, anno 35 Edward I. [A.D. 1307].¹

Fo. xix b.

*Custodia ten'
legator' pueris
Joh'is ae
Honylane.*

John de Yieveneye and Theophania his wife, relict of William de Medelane, being summoned to find surety for the issues of certain tenements in the parishes of St. James de Garlekheth and St. Michael, Queenhithe, bequeathed by the said William to Thomas and Juliana his children,² came and denied that they ought to find any such surety, inasmuch as the said William had during his lifetime enfeoffed the said Thomas of a tenement, &c., in the parish of St. James aforesaid in tail, the said Thomas paying the said William and Theophania an

¹ See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of the Husting in March, 1313. See Husting, London,' i. 185-6. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 237.

² His will proved and enrolled in

annuity of £10, and had devised the said tenement according to the terms of the previous enfeoffment and not otherwise. The said William had in like manner enfeoffed his daughter Juliana of shops in the parish of St. Michael, Queenhithe. The said John called for the will of the said William, proved and enrolled in the Husting, and the said John and Theophania deposited two deeds in the Chamber for safe custody to the use of the said children until they should arrive at full age, &c.

Fo. xx.

*Br'e Regis ad
venire faciend'
duos cives ad
Parliament'
apud Ebor'.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for the election of two representatives of the City to attend a Parliament to be held at York on Monday the morrow of the Nativity of B. M. [8 Sept.]. Dated at York, 29 July, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].¹

The above writ was read in the Guildhall on Monday after the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], in the presence of the Mayor, certain of the Aldermen, and other good men summoned from each Ward to make the election, when the choice was made by the Commonalty of John de Gisors, William de Leire, Robert de Keleseye, and Richer de Refham, taverner. And it was agreed that every one assessed for the last fifteenth granted to the King should pay one penny in the pound.

And a commission was made for them in the following manner, viz.: To the most excellent Prince and their dearest lord Edward by the grace of God, &c. Dated 4 Sept.

Return: We send to you John de Gisors, William de Leire, Robert de "Kelseye," and Richer de [Refham], taverner, our fellow-citizens, or two of them, having sufficient authority to do what is contained in the writ.

And be it known that the aforesaid John and William took their journey to York on Friday next before the Feast of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], and the other two remained at home. And afterwards they returned to London on Wednesday next after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.]. And the said John had for his expenses 20 marks, and the said William 15 marks.

Fo. xx b.

Terms of a "composition" made on the morrow of the Purification of B. M. [2 Feb.], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313-14],

¹ The writ and the proceedings thereon are printed in Palgrave's | 'Parliamentary Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 129.

between Brother Osbert, Abbot of Dureford,¹ in the diocese of Chichester, Sir Hervey de Stauntone, and other executors of Henry de Guldeford, called "le Mareschal," clerk, deceased, and the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's, touching the chantry to be established in St. Paul's according to the last will of the deceased. The executors assign to the Commonalty of the City an annual rent of 20s. charged on a shop of spicery (*speciarie*) in Westchepe,² and a right of presentation to the chantry in the event of the Dean and Chapter failing to fill up the chantry, when a vacancy occurs, within fifteen days.

Friday the morrow of the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug.] came Sir Richard de Harle, Knt., before Nicholas de Farndone, the Mayor, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, and Simon de Paris, Aldermen, in the presence of Robert de Keleseye, Roger de Depham, Thomas de Bacquelle, John de la Chaumbre, William de Hakford, and others [not named], and asked the Mayor and Aldermen to bear witness, if occasion should arise, that he was prepared to pay to Richard, son of Sir Geoffrey de Picheford, the sum of 100 marks, which he was bound to pay within a fortnight of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], in part payment of a debt of £400. And the said Sir Richard delivered the money to William de Hakford to be paid on demand to Richard, son of Sir Geoffrey de Picheford.

cedula.

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], certain good men of the City informed Hamo de Chig[welle], the Mayor, and the Aldermen that John Waldeshof, a sworn serjeant of the City, was opposed to the grant of an aid to the King for the war in Scotland, and was spreading false reports, &c., and asked that he might be attached to answer for his conduct. On a day named he fails to appear before the Mayor, and Nicholas de Farndone, Richard de Gloucestre, Elias de Suffolk, Roger de Frowik, Richard de Betoigne, Edmund Lambyn, John Cotoun, Robert de Swalclyve, Hamo Godchep, R[eginald] de Conduit, John de

Fo. xxi.

¹ A Premonstratensian abbey at Dureford, near Petersfield, on the border of Sussex and Hampshire.

² For particulars of this chantry see 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 238, note.

Prestone, Hugh de Gartone, Robert le Callere, Robert Sely, Roger le Palmere, Henry de Secch[ford], W[illiam] de Hederse, John Poyntel, and John Priour, Aldermen, and Richard Costantyn, Alderman, and Richard de Hakeneie, the Sheriffs, and a great number of the Commonalty assembled in the Guildhall to hear his defence.

Evidence having been given of his having (*inter alia*) opposed the raising of the sum of 2,000 marks in aid of the King and of his disseminating discord among great and small, it was adjudged that he should be deprived of the freedom of the City and of his fee of 100s. paid to him by the Chamberlain on behalf of the Commonalty,¹ and that he should be removed from the Council of the City and not be allowed to plead for any one in the City.²

Fo. xxi b.

*Custodia
pueror' Bene-
dicti Alfox.*

Friday after the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], came Margery, widow of Benedict Alfox, woodmonger, and Geoffrey le Brochere, her co-executor, before Nicholas de Farndone, the Mayor, and William de Leyre, Alderman of the Ward of Castle Baynard, and bound themselves to deal with the issues, &c., of certain tenements in the parish of St. Benedict de Wodewharf, bequeathed by the said Benedict to Thomas, John, and Juliana his children, by will proved and enrolled in the Husting on Monday before the Feast of St. James, Ap. [25 July], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314],³ to the use of the aforesaid Thomas and Juliana (their brother John having died), the said Thomas being eight years of age and Juliana three.

Writ to the Mayor and Bailiffs of Donewych.⁴ William Prodhome and Robert de Ely, citizens of London, had complained to the King of a ship with a cargo of salt having been seized on the way from Southampton to Great Yarmouth and carried to their town of Donewych, and of their delay in doing justice in

¹ The freedom of the City and an annuity of 100s. had been granted to him in 1319 for his services in Parliament and elsewhere. *Vide supra*, p. 20.

² Printed in 'Memorials,' p. 147.

³ See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 248.

⁴ Dunwich, co. Suffolk, once an important town, but long since swallowed up by the sea.

the matter, although often requested by the Mayor and Commonalty of London. They are reminded that, according to the custom of the City in matters of this kind, the Mayor and Commonalty could take *withernam* of the goods of such peers and commoners (*parium et communariorum*) as were found in the City. In order, however, to promote peace, they are commanded to do instant justice, and to make a return into Chancery of what they do. Dated at York, 22 June, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Be it remembered that on Monday next after the Feast of the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], there were assembled at the Guildhall Nicholas de Farndone, the Mayor, John de Gysors, John de Wengrave, William de Leyre, Roger de Frouwyk, Simon de Paris, Anketin de Gysors, Roger de Paris, William de Trente, John de Lincoln, Stephen de Abyndone, and Simon Corp, Aldermen, and good men of the Commonalty summoned from each Ward, and they elected certain citizens to attend the Parliament at York on the business of the realm and the City according to the King's command, &c., viz., John de Gysors, John de Wengrave, and William de Leyre, Aldermen, for the Mayor and Aldermen to select two of them who, &c. And of the Commonalty they elected Robert de Keleseye, William de Gartone, Richer de Refham, taverner, and Matthew de Essex, for two to be selected from them who, &c. And for their expenses it was agreed that every one assessed for the last fifteenth granted to the King should pay one penny in the pound of his chief chattel.¹

Precept to the Sheriffs to deliver to Alice, late wife of John de Harwe, her free-bench² in a tenement which belonged to her late husband, viz., the hall, principal chamber, and cellar beneath, and also common easement in the kitchen, stable, common privy, and courtyard. The residue of the tenement

Fo. xxii.

*De civibus
electis ad eun-
dum ad parla-
mentum apud
Ebor'.*

*Deliberacio
franci Banci
facta Alicie
que fuit ux'
Joh'is de
Harwe.*

¹ Printed in Palgrave's 'Parl. Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 129.

² The estate in copyhold lands which the wife had for dower on the

death of her husband according to the custom of the manor. See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting, London,' vol. i., Introd., p. xxxix.

to remain to Johanna and Agnes, cousins and heirs of the deceased.¹

*Deliberacio
cujusd' ciste
facta d'ne
Joh'e relictæ
d'ni Thom' de
Lodelowe.*

Memorandum of the delivery of a chest by Dame Cecilia, late wife of Sir John de Bacquelle, to Dame Johanna, late wife of Sir Thomas de Lodelawe (or Lodelowe), on Saturday after the Feast of the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].²

Fos. xxii b—
xxiii b.

Allowance of the franchise of London made before the lord the King at Westminster, Hillary Term, anno 6 Edward II., at the instance of William de Burgh, at that time Attorney of the Mayor and Commonalty of the City aforesaid.

Petronilla, widow of Robert de Brome de Lappeworthe, appeals Henry de Braundestone and Edmund Wolmer of the death of her husband. They came not. Precept to the Sheriffs for their attachment. The Sheriffs made return that they had attached the said Henry de Braundestone and taken sureties, pursuant to the King's writ, for his appearance before the King's Justices at their next coming to the Tower, according to the custom of the City,³ but the said Edmund Wolmer they could not find.⁴ And inasmuch as the King desires to be informed as to the custom of citizens appealed for death in the City claiming to find sureties for their appearance at the next *Iter*, the Mayor and Sheriffs are commanded to appear before the King on a certain day, and Petronilla likewise. A further precept to the Sheriff to demand the above Edmund from Husting to Husting until, &c., and if he appears to take him into custody. The Mayor and Aldermen fail to return the writ on two occasions. Thereupon the said Petronilla proffers a certain bill sealed with the seal of John de Wydeville, Roger de Bosco, William Granset, Richard Anketil, Robert de Hernes, Robert de Knapstone, and Robert, son of Geoffrey de Graftone, declaring that in their presence she had delivered her aforesaid writ on Tuesday after the Feast of the Ascension

¹ Printed in *Liber Albus*, i. 393.

² See '*Memorials*,' p. 110.

³ Cf. '*Cal. Letter-Book D*,' pp. 312-3.

⁴ The return is printed with other particulars of the felony in '*Chron. Edw. I. and II.*,' vol. i. pp. 219, 220.

[24 May], 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], and she gives security for her claim by Henry Fitz Henry and Roger de Bosenho against the said Mayor and Aldermen. And because they are suspect, &c., precept is issued to the Coroner to attach the said Mayor and Aldermen to appear before the King in the octave of St. Michael, wheresoever, &c. They appear on the day, and the said Petronilla likewise, who says that she delivered the writ to the Mayor and Aldermen in the Chamber of the Guildhall where they held their Court on the day aforesaid, and in the presence of John de Wydeville and others, and the Mayor and Aldermen had not returned the writ as ordered, and were in the contempt of the King to the extent of £1,000, and had delayed her suit to the loss of £200, which she was prepared to prove. The Mayor and Aldermen deny having received the writ, and as to certifying the King on the franchise and custom aforesaid, they cite the Charter granted to the City anno 27 Edward I.,¹ and the Great Charter of liberties of England which confirmed to the City all its ancient liberties and customs. Thereupon the King sent a "bill" under the Great Seal to Roger le Brabazon and his fellow-Justices to the effect that the citizens should be allowed to enjoy all their ancient privileges. The "bill" dated at Wyndesore, 25 Jan., 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313-14].

The Mayor and Aldermen pray that the custom in question may be recorded as being one the citizens had of old enjoyed; and the said Petronilla having been asked on three several occasions to show cause against the City's claim, and having answered nothing, it was adjudged that the Mayor and Aldermen should go without a day, &c., and the said Petronilla was told to prosecute her suit, for

¹ Inspeximus charter dated 17 April, 27 Edward I. [A.D. 1299], still preserved at the Guildhall. It confirms certain articles allowed by charter dated 26 March, 52 Henry III. [A.D. 1268], and among them the following article, here put forward on behalf of the City, viz. :—"Conces-

simus etiam eisdem civibus, quod de placitis ad coronam pertinentibus, de hiis maxime quæ infra civitatem prædictam et ejus suburbium fieri continget se possint disrationare secundum antiquam consuetudinem civitatis prædictæ."—"Liber Cust.", i. 264:

the death of her husband, before the Justices Itinerant at the Tower.¹

Fo., xxiii b.

*Breve missum
pro privato
sigillo R^e
elongato.*

Writ [to the Sheriffs ?] notifying the loss of the King's Privy Seal, and ordering that proclamation be made that no attention be paid to any command that may appear under that seal without further orders from the King, unless the command be to the King's benefit and honour. Dated at Berwick-on-Tweed, 27 June, 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].²

Fo. xxiv.

*Breve Regis
pro Will'o de
Coule.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to summon before them Francis "Bachimo" and John "Passaquila,"³ merchants of Genoa, that an account may be taken of what sums of money (if any) are due to them from William de Coule, apothecary, under a statute merchant, and, if they or either of them cannot be found, to release the said William, who had been committed to Newgate, on his finding adequate security. Dated at York, 5 Sept., 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].

Another writ to similar effect. Dated at York, 3 Oct., 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].

¹ The rest of the proceedings are chronicled in the account given in the City's 'Liber Custumarum' (i. 371-374) of the proceedings of the memorable *Iter* held at the Tower from January to July, 1321, when a presentment was made to the Justices by divers Wards to the effect that in the sixth year of Edward II. John de Gisors, the Mayor, had been bribed to admit Henry de Braundestone to the freedom of the City, although he stood indicted before the Coroner and Sheriffs for having caused the death of Robert de Brome in the church of St. Mary at Hill, in order that the said Henry might become entitled to replevin (*replegiari*) on the indictment until the next *Iter*, and that the said Mayor had admitted the said Henry under a false date, so that it should appear that his admission had taken place prior to the felony, and had allowed him to be replevined until

the next *Iter*. The Mayor in his defence pleaded that the admission had taken place a month before the felony, but a jury found that the admission had been made after the indictment and that the Mayor was aware of the indictment. Upon this finding the Justices declared the custom abolished as being contrary to the law and custom of the realm, and the Mayoralty taken into the King's hand. At the same time they ordered John de Gisors into custody. He was, however, soon released on mainprise by the King's order, and got off eventually with a fine of 100 marks, whilst Henry de Braundestone was released on surety in the following November.

² Cf. Rymer's 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 249.

³ "Pinza Aquila," 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 248. "Pisaquila," *infra*, fo. lviii b.

Monday before the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19], came Thomas de Wynchester, bureller, one of the executors of Henry le Jonge (Yonge?), bureller, before the Mayor and Aldermen in full Husting of Pleas of Land, and complained that Margery, widow and executrix of the said Henry, and now wife of John de Dene, had sold some property left to her by her husband without the consent of the plaintiff, her co-executor, contrary to the terms of the will of her said husband, and the said Thomas prays that no sale shall be allowed to take place in future contrary to the said will. The said John and Margery, being present in Court, make no denial. The will having been examined, judgment is given that no sale in future take place without the assent of the plaintiff, and that when a sale takes place, one moiety of the proceeds shall go to the said Margery and the other to pious uses for the good of the soul of the said Henry.

Fo. xxiv b.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], came Luke de Haveringe, John de Bureford, Stephen de Prestone, William Walram, Roger de Arcubus, William de Bidyk, John de Prestone, Walter Walram, Adam atte Bowe, John Drury, Henry de Prestone, and William de Prestone, and presented Andrew Godard to be weigher of the Great Beam of the lord the King in the City of London, in the presence of Nicholas de Farndone, the Mayor, John de Wangrave, Richard de Gloucestre, Simon Corp, Roger de Frouwyk, William Trente, and John Lambyn, Aldermen, and the said Andrew was admitted and sworn.

Fo. xxv.

*Andr^e Godard
ponderator
magne
balancie.*

Be it remembered that on the 21st March, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19], the Mayor, Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens of London being asked by the Treasurer, the Barons of the Exchequer, and others of the King's Council for a loan of 1,000 marks in aid of the war against the Scots, the same was granted on the understanding that due allowance should be made to them on the first aid made to the King by the said City and the County of Middlesex, and that they should obtain pardon for each advance to be made to the King, all of which

*Mⁱ marc' mu-
tuate d'no
Regi per Mai-
orem Adr^{os}
et co'itatem
civit^{is} Londonⁱ
a^o r^o sui duo-
decimo.*

was conceded by the said Treasurer and Barons to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty aforesaid.

*Scriptum
Jacobi Beau-
flur et Thom'
Drinkewatre.*

Lease by Thomas Drynkewatre, taverner, to James Beauflur, vintner, of a tavern situate at the head of London Bridge in the parish of St. Olof for a term of six years from Christmas, anno 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317]. Dated at London the eve of Christmas, anno 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317]. Witnesses, Ralph de Storteford, William le Cotiller, Robert de Borham, Robert and Richard de Barsham, clerks, and others [not named].¹

The above deed read and acknowledged on Friday the eve of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Fo. xxv b.

Writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor and Sheriffs to attach certain apostate brethren of the Order of Preaching Friars and deliver them over for punishment to the Prior. Dated at York, 22 Sept., 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].²

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to deliver up to the Prior of the Order of Preaching Friars, when requested, any vagabond friars of that Order they may find in the City, and further, to take steps to prevent the publication of defamatory writings against the Order. Dated at York, 18 Sept., 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].

Pursuant to the above writ and letters patent publication (*puplicacio*) was made in the church of St. Paul on Friday after Michaelmas [29 Sept.], in the presence of certain canons and ministers of the said church and of many persons then writing there (*plurimorum ibidem tunc scribentium*).³

Fo. xxvi.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to levy a debt due by Robert de Wight to Thomas de Wight on the goods of the former, and to dispatch the proceeds in aid of the ransom of the said Thomas, who had been taken prisoner in Scotland. Dated at Spaldyng, 24 Oct., 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].⁴

Fo. xxvi b.

Pleas before the lord the King at Westminster, Michaelmas

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 131.

² This and the following writ and proceedings thereon are printed in 'Memorials,' pp. 111-13.

³ Alluding to the scriveners and others who were in the habit of transacting business in "Paul's Walk."

⁴ 'Memorials,' p. 113.

term, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314]:—William de Mortone attached to answer a charge of having forcibly abstracted various articles of jewellery, silver plate, linen and woollen cloths, also certain bonds and deeds of acquittance, &c., from two chests lying near the church of St. Magnus in the Ward of Bridge. The said William defends by Thomas de Musle, his attorney, &c. Thereupon came William de Burgh, attorney of the Mayor and Commonalty, and demanded the franchise, &c. And inasmuch as it had been allowed the Mayor oftentimes in like case, it was again allowed, and the aforesaid attorney fixed a day, and orders were given for speedy justice to be done, otherwise, &c.

*Libertas civi-
tatis allocata
coram Justic'
de Banco Regis.*

The above record was delivered to Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Sheriff, anno 8 [Edw. II.], and he was commanded by the Mayor and Aldermen to hear the plea and do speedy justice, &c.¹

Monday before Christmas, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], a certain turret (*turella*) on London Wall near Bisshopesgate granted as a residence to Sir John de Elyngham by John de Gisors, the Mayor, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, Henry de Durham, and John de Camera, Aldermen, at the instance of Sir Walter de Norwich.²

Fo. xxvii.

The same day John Dode, the Chamberlain, delivered to William Servat the sum of £10 recently entrusted to him for safe custody.

The same day came good men of the Ward of Bradestrete and prayed that a certain elm tree growing near London Wall by Bisshopesgate, which, by reason of its age and dryness, was dangerous to the shops of Roger Poyntel [might be cut down and sold], and the proceeds of the sale devoted to the purchase of a cord for *le Wardehoke*. And the same was granted.³

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two representatives of the City to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster in the octave of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] next. Dated at Spaldyng, 24 Oct., 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].

*Breve R^o pro
ij civi mittend'
ad Parlia-
ment a^o viij^o.*

Pursuant to the above writ two citizens were elected to attend

Commissio.

¹ Printed in 'Liber Albus,' i. 298-300.

² 'Memorials,' p. 115.

³ 'Memorials,' p. 116.

the aforesaid Parliament, and a commission to them was made as follows:—

To the Most Excellent Prince, &c., the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and the whole Commonalty of the City. We have assigned William de Leire and Henry de Durham, and have by these presents given them full power to do in the coming Parliament whatsoever shall be ordained by common consent therein. Dated 18 Jan., 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15].¹

Fo. xxvii b.

Pleas before the lord the King at Westminster, Michaelmas Term, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314]:—London, John de Merkyngfeld, goldsmith, in mercy for many defaults. The said John was attached to answer Peter Turgys on a charge of refusing to give an account of goods taken at York and carried away, and for using threats of personal violence, and fraudulently obtaining his imprisonment. And the said John, by Robert de Torkeseye his attorney, came and defended, &c. Thereupon William de Burgh, the attorney of the Mayor and Commonalty, demanded the franchise, and it was granted. And the said William named a day for the parties to appear at the Guildhall, and he was told to render speedy justice, otherwise, &c. The parties fail to appear, &c. The record delivered to Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Sheriff, &c., in case the parties wish to prosecute, &c.

Fo. xxviii.

*Breve Regis
directum de
clericis vice-
com' et minis-
tris eorum
amovend'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs to dismiss from their service any one who had already been in the service of a Mayor or Sheriff since the commencement of the King's reign, pending an inquiry into the conduct of sheriffs, under-sheriffs, clerks, and officers during that period. Dated at Ely, 4 Nov., 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].

Writ to the Sheriffs notifying the appointment of Hervey de Stauntone, John de Merkyngfeld, Henry le Scrope, and Ralph de Stokes, the King's Justices, to inquire into the misconduct of Hugh de Gartone and Robert Burdeyn, late Sheriffs, as well as of other sheriffs, clerks, bailiffs, constables, &c., during the King's reign, and bidding them make proclamation for all

¹ Writ and commission printed | 'Parliamentary Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii.
from the Letter-Book in Palgrave's | p. 144.

complainants to appear before the said Justices. Dated at Spaldyngge, 24 Oct., 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].

Proclamation having been accordingly made, and the said Justices being about to open their inquiry, there came to the Guildhall John de Gisors, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Sheriffs, together with many fellow-citizens, and claimed the franchise of the City, saying that it was contrary to the franchise of the City for any other Justices to sit within the liberties to determine complaints of this kind except the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, by ancient custom, and prayed them to do nothing contrary to the franchise aforesaid. Thereupon the Justices adjourned their session and did not appear again, and so the matter remained undetermined.

Calumpnia
[sic] *Maiores*
et civium.

In the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday before the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15], Henry de Gloucestre and Anketyn de Gisors re-elected (*electi fuerunt de novo*) Wardens of London Bridge by John de Gisors, the Mayor, John de Wengrave, Henry de Durham, John de Lincoln, John Lambyn, Simon Corp, Anketyn de Gisors, Henry de Gloucestre, and John de la Chaumbre, Aldermen, Stephen de Abyndone and Hamo de Chiggewelle, Sheriffs, and the Commonalty, and sworn. And Thomas Prentice and John de Wymondeham, Wardens,¹ were removed from office, &c.

Fo. xxviii b.

Eleccio Henr
de Glouc' et
Anketini de
Gisorcio in
custod' pontis
London'.

Auditors assigned to the above Wardens, viz., Henry de Durham, Simon de Paris, John de la Chaumbre, Elyas de Suffolk, Simon Corp, Aldermen, and a day named for rendering their account, viz., Monday in mid-Lent.

De auditorib'
comp' custod'
pont' Lond'

Monday before the Feast of Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15], John de Gisors, the Mayor, John de Wengrave, Henry de Durham, John de Lincoln, John Lambyn, Simon Corp, Anketyn de Gisors, Richard de Gloucestre, John de la Chaumbre, and Henry de Gloucestre, Aldermen, and Stephen de Abyndone and Hamo de Chiggewelle, Sheriffs, granted and demised to William de "Dounhefd," barber to Sir John de Sandale, the King's Chancellor, at the instance of the aforesaid Sir John, a certain house appertaining to London

Dimissio
cujusd' dom'
pont' Lond'
facta Will'o de
Douneshced.

¹ Elected 1311. 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 275.

Bridge, near the tenements of John Mew and Thomas le Maderman in the parish of St. Dyonis, Baccherche; to hold the same for life at an annual rent of 2 marks.

*Deliberacio
xls. facta Elye
le Callere.*

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15], came Elyas le Callere, mercer, before John de Gisors, the Mayor, and asked that the sum of 40s. which had been taken by way of *Withernam* from Thomas de Grantham de Dyvelyn¹ and Alexander, the valet of Luke de Hilkeneye de Dyvelyn, because his own valet had been distrained at Dyvelyn for payment of custom, might be given up to him, and it was given to him by John Dode, the Chamberlain, who had received it from John le Mazelyner, a former Chamberlain; the said Elyas finding sureties for indemnity, viz., William de Gartone and Thomas de Gisors.

Fo. xxix.

*Forisfactura
adjudicata de
nucibus sup'
Rad'm de la
Pole.*

Ralph de la Pole attached to answer the lord the King as well as Stephen de Abyndone, one of the Sheriffs of London, for that whereas no merchant stranger ought to buy any goods from another stranger within the liberty of the City, under penalty of forfeiture of the goods bought, &c., the said Ralph did on Monday before the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.] in this year [8 Edward II.] buy from Peter le Picard, a merchant stranger, a fifth part of a cargo of large nuts, thus depriving the Sheriff of the King's custom on the said goods, to the damage of the City's franchise, &c. The said Ralph acknowledged the purchase so made, &c. It was therefore adjudged that the goods should be forfeited to the use of the Sheriff, &c.

*De mensura-
cione dosseri-
orum piscis.*

Saturday before the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15], there were seized certain dosser² of fish belonging to fishmongers of the City, and in the presence of John de Gisors, the Mayor, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, Simon Corp, Elias de Suffolk, Roger de Paris, and Anketin de Gisors, Aldermen, they were measured and proved whether they were of the measure of a bushel of oats, as by the custom of the City they ought to be, &c.

The dosser² belonging to Simon Fitz Robert, William de

¹ Dublin.

² *Dosseria*.

Baskets adapted for carriage on the back, otherwise known as "dorßers."

Braibrok, William le Long, Adam de Ely, William Lombard, Walter, the valet of Adam de Ely, Nicholas Edmond, John de Mockynge, William Prodhome, and Geoffrey Gras-pays, being found deficient in size, were ordered to be burnt in Chepe, and the fish confiscated to the use of the Sheriffs.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15], the guardianship of Matilda, daughter of William de Kent, tailor,¹ entrusted to Stephen le Naylere. Sureties, viz., John de Colkirke, tailor, and Alexander le Goldbetere.

Fo. xxix b.

*Custod'
Matild' fil'
Will' de Kent.*

Afterwards came Hamo de Vernon, "chaundeler," who married the above Matilda, and demanded her property, and it was delivered to him by the said Stephen on Monday the morrow of All Souls [2 Nov.] the year aforesaid.

The same day the guardianship of Alice, daughter of the above William de Kent, was entrusted to John de Colkirke. Sureties, viz., William de Aldenham and Stephen le Naylere.

*Custod' Ali'
filie Will' de
Kent.*

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15], the guardianship of John and Richard, sons of Geoffrey de Chelchethe,² entrusted to Ismánya, relict of the said Geoffrey. Sureties, viz., Richard Ussher and John Lefhog le Chaundeler.

*Custod'
pueror' Gal-
fridi de Chel-
hethe.*

The same day the guardianship of William, son of the above Geoffrey, was entrusted to the above John Lefhog, together with property comprising a leaden trough, a pot, carpets, and sheets. Sureties, viz., Gerard le Barbier de Holebourne and Geoffrey, son of Geoffrey de Chelchethe.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the attachment of persons found contravening a recent ordinance made with the assent of the King's Council for regulating the price of cattle, poultry, &c. Dated at Westminster, 20 March, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15].

Fo. xxx.

*Secundum
breve de ordi-
natione pole-
trie, de inqui-
rend' de for-
stallatoribus.*

¹ His will enrolled in the Husting in November, 1314. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 251.

² His will enrolled in the Husting in October, 1314. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 249.

*Breve de ordi-
nacione facta
de bestiis et
poletria.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for proclamation to be made in the City of the above ordinance. Dated at Westminster, 14 March, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15].¹

Proclamation made accordingly on Saturday before Palm Sunday.

Fo. xxx b.

*Aliud breve
ad inquirend'
de forstalla-
toribus victu-
alium.*

Another writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs bidding them take steps to put down the practice of forestalling, and to see that the above ordinance is strictly observed. Dated at Westminster, 17 April, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Pursuant to the above writ, John de Gisors, the Mayor, and Stephen de Abyndone and Hamo de Chigewelle, the Sheriffs, caused inquiry to be made on the oath of good men of the several Wards as to forestallers, and those who disregarded the above ordinance (*de predictarum ordinacionum enervatoribus*).

*Breve Regis
de ordinacione
facta de vinis.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for proclamation to be made that all vintners and taverners selling wine by retail in the City and suburb shall take no more than threepence a gallon under heavy penalty. Dated at Westminster, 30 May, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].²

Proclamation made accordingly on Sunday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June].

Fo. xxxi.

Afterwards the King sent another writ to the effect that wine that was then in the City and wine imported after the date of the writ might be sold wholesale or by retail at a reasonable price. Dated at Walsingham, 6 Oct., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

*De Trona
concessa
Will'o Dir.*

Saturday after the Feast of St. Leo the Pope [28 June], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315], a certain tron for weighing cheese, butter, tallow, wool, and such like, between citizens and other merchants buying and selling in the City, was delivered to William Dir by the Mayor and Aldermen, he having been

¹ Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 263. A writ to the same effect and similar in every respect to the above, except that it is addressed to the Sheriffs only and bears date the 13th March, is printed *in extenso* in the 'Chron. of Edward I. and II.'

(Rolls Series), i. 232-233. The proclamation met with such opposition that it was recalled in February, 1316. *Ibid.*, i. 237.

² Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 268.

elected for the purpose by good men of the City to weigh justly between buyers and sellers, &c.

A bond of indemnity entered into by Roger de Frouwyk, goldsmith, in favour of Robert de Pyphurst, goldbeater (*aurimelleator*), for the delivery of a statute merchant for 500 marks in which Ralph de Honylane, late citizen and vintner, was bound to the said Roger. Witnesses, Nicholas de Farendone, Henry de Gloucestre, Elyas de Suffolk, Roger de Arcubus, William de Caustone, Roger de Lyntone, Ralph the Clerk, and others [not named]. Dated at London, Monday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

*Scriptum Rob'ti
de Pipeherst.*

[Fo. xxxi b *blank*.]

Writ *alias* to the Sheriffs, bidding them to restore the wine belonging to Gascon merchants which had been unlawfully seized, and not to molest them pending the settlement of certain disputes that had arisen. Dated at Wyndesore, 26 March, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Fo. xxxii.

*Breve pro
mercatoribus
Vascon'.*

Return to the effect that whereas according to the franchise and custom of the City it was not permissible for a merchant stranger to sell wine or other victuals or other goods to another merchant stranger for resale except to magnates and others, and whereas a certain Gerard Dorgoil, a merchant stranger, sold a cask of wine to William de Eltham, a foreign retail dealer, to be sold again, contrary to the franchise and custom of the City, they had seized the cask as forfeited, and that was the reason why they could not surrender the cask to the said Gerard without prejudicing the franchise of the City.¹

Writ to the Steward and Marshal of the King's Household that they draw not any citizen out of the City to plead, but observe the terms of the charter granted to the citizens by the King's predecessors in this respect. Dated at Westminster, 9 March, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15].²

*Breve pro
civibus Lond'
Sen' et Mar'
d'ni R' direc-
tum.*

¹ Printed in 'Collection Générale des Documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre' (Delpit), pp. 48, 49. The editor, however, misreads "Elchin" for "Eltham."

² Printed in 'Liber Albus,' i. 478-479, where, however, the date given is 10 March. Cf. the case of Alice Budde v. William le Flemmyng, *infra*, fo. xxxv b ('Liber Albus,' i. 300-302).

*Aliud breve
pro Vuscon'.*

Afterwards the said Gascons brought another writ to the Sheriffs to similar effect as the former. Dated at Wyndesore, 4 April, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].¹

Fo. xxxii b.

4 April, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315], Stephen de Abyndone and Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Sheriffs, caused the fish trussed in dossers belonging to divers fishmongers to be brought to the Guildhall, the said dossers being reported to hold less than a bushel of oats. The dossers were measured in the presence of John de Gysors, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farendone, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, John de la Chaumbre, Elyas de Suffolk, Simon Corp, Anketyn de Gysors, and Roger de Paris, Aldermen, viz., those belonging to Richard Pynnefowel, Hamo de Hakeneye, Roger de Bernes, Stephen Horne, Godfrey Burgoys, Adam de Ely, William Sorweles, Godwyn Tourke, John de Mokkyngde de Somersete, Simon Fitz Robert, Andrew Horn, William de Braybroke, Richard le Taillour, Robert Baudri, Walter de Merefeld, Robert de Ely, John Saleman, Richard de Farenberwe, and Richard Flynthard; and those that were found of wrong measure were ordered to be burnt in Chepe and the fish to be confiscated.²

Fo. xxxiii.

*Breve R' ad
admittend'
test'm Ed'i fil'
Nich'i Horn ad
probacionem.*

Writ to the Mayor that he admit to probate in the Husting the will of Edmund Horn (probate of which had hitherto been refused), inasmuch as the said Edmund had devised to William de Burgh and Margery his wife certain tenements, of which Roger Hosebonde and Alice his wife, and William le Clerk and Alice his wife, had taken possession, contrary to the terms of the will of the said Edmund. Dated Westminster, 18 April, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Return: The will of the said Edmund Horn was proved in the Husting of London for Pleas of Land held on Monday before the Feast of St. George [23 April], the aforesaid year, but on account of certain ambiguities in the will, and for certain reasons put forward by the testator's heirs against execution of the will, execution was postponed.³

¹ Printed by Delpit, *op. cit.*, p. 49.

² 'Memorials,' p. 116.

³ See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 254-5,

where the objections raised to probate being granted are set out. See also *infra*, fo. xliii b, p. 55.

Another writ to the Mayor and Aldermen that they grant immediate execution of the will of Edmund Horn. Dated at Thunderle, 16 May, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Return made to similar effect.

A third writ to similar effect. Dated at Langely, 8 Aug., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315]. Fo. xxxiii b.

Return [*not recorded*].

Writ to the Mayor and Aldermen that they grant the guardianship of Agnes, the daughter of Matilda, late wife of John Laurence, and now wife of Simon de Burgh, to the said Simon and Matilda, according to the custom of the City, whereby the nearest parents (*parentes*) of children under age, to whom the property of the said children would not come by inheritance after their decease, should have the guardianship of such children. Dated at Westminster, 26 April, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Fo. xxxiv.

Breve pro Simone de Burgo et Matill uxore ejus.

Return to the effect that whereas Simon de Burgh and Matilda his wife were contriving to marry the aforesaid Agnes, who was eight years of age, and had property to the amount of 40 marks rent, to Thomas, a son of the aforesaid Simon, who was not yet eleven years old, and the banns of their marriage had been published, and the wedding garments and feast had been prepared,¹ certain friends of the said Agnes, having discovered the plot, brought her before the Mayor and Aldermen at the Guildhall, and they having questioned the said Simon and Matilda on the matter, and receiving no denial, had committed the said Agnes to the care of the Chamberlain.

Retornum.

Another writ to the same to the effect that the King deemed the reason given in the above return for the action taken by the Mayor and Aldermen in removing the above-mentioned Agnes from the custody of her mother to be insufficient, unless the mother had suffered disparagement by her second marriage. The child was therefore to be restored to the said Simon and Matilda. Dated at Westminster, 4 May, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Fo. xxxiv b.

Breve R^e pro Simone de Burgh et Matill uxore ejus vel vos ipsi sitis, etc.

¹ *Quorum banna in ecclesia edita | tinentes ut in vestibus et convivio fuerunt et sollempnitates nuptiis per- | preparabantur.*

Retorn'.

Return: We still answer that the within-written Simon de Burgh and Matilda ought not to have the custody of the body of Agnes, the daughter of the said Matilda, and of her goods and tenements, according to the custom of the City, for the reason already given and returned before you in Court, and therefore we shall appear before you as ordered in the writ.

Fo. xxxv.

*Compt' redd'
ad scaccarium.*

The account of the Mayor and good men and entire Commonalty of the City of London rendered at the Exchequer of the lord the King touching a fifteenth, anno 29 Edward I., in the Great Roll, anno 7 Edward II., in *Item*, London.

*Particule de
M^rM^rD marcis
de xv^{to} Regi
concessa apud
Lyncoln
a^o xxix.*

Be it remembered that on Thursday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315], Hugh de Waltham, one of the executors of Nicholas Pikot, late Chamberlain, delivered to John Dode, then Chamberlain, a letter patent under the Great Seal to the effect that the late King in the twenty-ninth year of his reign received from the Mayor, good men, and Commonalty of the City the sum of 2,500 marks, for which the King pardoned them the fifteenth of their movables on account of the fifteenth granted to the King by the Parliament at Lincoln. Of this sum the Mayor and Commonalty, at the King's request, delivered to Elyas Russel £500, &c.

Also he [viz., the above Hugh] delivered to the said John a letter patent to the effect that the King granted to the Mayor and citizens the ferm and issues of the City if it should happen that the King did not get the fifteenth, &c.

Also he delivered to the said John two writs of Privy Seal, a letter patent under the seal of Sir John de Drokenesford, and an indenture under the same seal, mentioning the above sum of £500 to be delivered to Sir Ralph de Stokes and the aforesaid Elyas Russel, or to one of them.

Also he delivered an acquittance under the seal of the said Sir Ralph de Stokes and sixteen acquittances under the seal of the said Elyas for the sum of £435 19s. 1d., which the said Ralph and Elyas had received from the Mayor and citizens by the hands of Nicholas Pikot.

Also he delivered a close letter of the said Sir John de

Drokenesford ordering payment for divers harness for the King.

Also seven acquittances whereby the said Nicholas paid £24 19s. 8d.; and a tally whereby the said Nicholas paid the said Elyas £8 by the hands of Eustace de Donyton, and a tally whereby the said Nicholas paid John de Lincoln 60s.

Allowance of the franchise of London made before the Steward and Marshal of the lord the King.

FO. xxxv b.

Pleas of the Hall of the lord the King at St. Dunstan within the Bar of the New Temple, Wednesday the eve of the Ascension [1 May], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315]. Alice Budde prosecutes William le Flemyng, "armurer," for a trespass within the verge,¹ &c. And the Sheriffs returned that the said William was *non inventus*, but had been attached by his chattels to the value of 12d. Both parties now appear, &c. Thereupon came John de Gisors, the Mayor, and claimed the said William as a fellow-citizen, and said that he ought not to plead without the City walls, according to the terms of a charter confirmed by the King's father, and also of a writ dated at Westminster, 9 March, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15].² The said charter and writ having been examined, the franchise was allowed, and the said Alice was told to prosecute the aforesaid William before the bailiffs of the City and within its walls.³

Friday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315], a lease granted by John de Gisors, Mayor, John de Wengrave, William Trente, Henry de Durham, John Lambyn, Elyas de Suffolk, and John de la Chaumbre, Aldermen, to Sir Gilbert de Hardyngham, of a certain hermitage near the King's garden on London Wall. To hold the same during life and good behaviour, at an annual rent of half a mark, &c.⁴

¹ The verge or compass of the Marshalsea or King's Court, within which the Seneschal or Steward of the Household held jurisdiction. According to Du Cange, it owes its name to the *virga* or wand carried by

the Steward of the King's Household. See 'Liber Cust.', Glossary of Med. Latin, *s.v.* "Virga."

² Cf. *supra*, p. 45.

³ 'Liber Albus,' i. 300-2.

⁴ 'Memorials,' p. 117.

Fo. xxxvi.

Precept to the Chamberlain and the Serjeant of the Chamber to levy the sum of 40 marks on the goods and chattels of Thomas de Meldebourne and Richard de Meldebourne in discharge of a bond entered into on Monday before the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314], in favour of Richard But.

Pursuant to the above writ, Philip de Merdele, the Serjeant, took of the goods and chattels of the said Thomas a silk-embroidered cope (*capam*), valued by Nicholas de Cauntebrige, John Heyroun, "settere," and William le Settere at 18 marks. A day given to the said Thomas to redeem the cope, and in default it was delivered to Richard But on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June].

Letter from the Mayor and Sheriffs of the City to G[ilbert Segrave], Bishop of London, to the effect that whereas Gregory de Norton and Johanna, daughter of Gilbert Sperlyng, had been summoned to attend the Justices at Westminster to answer Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke, in a plea that they would permit him to present some fit parson to the church of St. Andrew Huberd, which is vacant.....[*blank*].

[Fo. xxxvi b *blank*.]

Fo. xxxvii.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs. Whereas Edmund, late Earl of Cornwall, had granted to Master William de Cippenham an annual rent of 8 marks out of the ferm of Queenhithe, payable by the Sheriffs for the time being, the same had not been paid on the ground that a grant of Queenhithe had been formerly made to the City by Richard, Earl of Cornwall, which grant had been confirmed by King Henry, grandfather of the present King.¹ They are bidden to pay the above rent and all arrears. Dated at Westminster, 28 Feb., 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314-15].

Similar writ for the payment of an annual rent of 10 marks out of the ferm of Queenhithe to Henry de Braclesham, which sum had been granted to the said Henry by Edmund, Earl

¹ See 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 79, | Cf. writ dated 8 April, 12 Edw. II.,
note; 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 15. | *infra*, fo. lxxxvii b.

of Cornwall. Dated at Westminster, 18 Feb., 8 Edward II.
[A.D. 1314-15].

[Fos. xxxvii b, xxxviii blank.]

Petition to Parliament by good men of London for a remedy against dilatory proceedings taken by defendants in suits at law and the removal of goods to prevent execution being made on them after judgment of court.¹

Fo. xxxviii b.

Answer to the above to the effect that in such cases the goods of the offenders should be safeguarded, without removal, on judgment being first pronounced, and writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to the same effect. Dated at Westminster, 4 June, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

*Nota de
execucionibus
facienda per
prima judicia.*

Thursday the eve of St. James [25 July], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315], the guardianship of John, son of Augustine le Gaunter, aged sixteen years, entrusted to Simon de Thorp, skinner, together with his property, including rents of a tenement in the parish of St. Mary de Bothehawe, left to him by Petronilla his mother. Sureties, viz., Hugh de Wircestre and Hervey de Beri.

Fo. xxxix.

*Custod' Joh'is
(fil') Augus-
tini le
Gaunter.*

Afterwards, viz., on Friday the Feast of St. Augustine [26 May], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], came Laurence de Hanyngtone, one of the executors of the above Petronilla le Gaunter, and brought twenty deeds and writings touching the above tenement, the same to be safe-guarded until the aforesaid John comes of age.

*Deliberacio
cartarum.*

The same day came John, son of William de Kent, late tailor, before the Mayor and Aldermen, and desired that the sum of £10 bequeathed to him by his father out of the proceeds of the sale of a certain tenement to be carried out by his executors, which money was then deposited with John de Colkirke, tailor, executor of the said William, should be delivered to him, as he was of sufficient age to have control over his property. Precept was accordingly issued to the executor to forthwith deliver the said sum, which he did upon being indemnified by William Jurdon and Hamo le Chaundeler de Chepe.

*Solucio Lx
facta Joh'i fil'
Will'i de Kent.*

¹ This petition and writ that follows are printed in 'Liber Albus,' i. 408-10.

*Custod' Will'i
fil' Will'i le
Fullere.*

Tuesday before the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315], the guardianship of William, son of William le Fullere, aged one year, entrusted to Andrew Horn, fishmonger, with the assent of the boy's nearest friends and of the Mayor and Aldermen. Sureties, viz., Reginald de Herlyzon and Andrew Horn himself.¹

Fo. xxxix b.

*De compoto
custod' pont'.*

Be it remembered that Thomas Prentiz and John de Wymondham, late Wardens of London Bridge, were in arrears in their account to the extent of £103 3s. 2½d., whereout there is allowed to them, by assent of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, for extraordinary services the sum of £20. The said Wardens delivered to John Dode, the Chamberlain, for the City's use, £20, and to Anketin de Gisors and Henry de Gloucestre, now Wardens of the said Bridge, £42 16s. 7½d. There is further allowed to the said Thomas and John, the late Wardens, the sum of £20 6s. 7d., which John atte Halle, the renter (*redditarius*) of the Bridge in their time, had received, and for which a bond is given for payment to the new Wardens by Robert de Pyphurst and Juliana, relict of Alan de Brauncestre, on behalf of the said John atte Halle.

*Proclamacio
facta contra
Flandrenses.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made that all Flemings void the realm, as being enemies to the King of France, with whom the King of England had formed a treaty. Dated at "Nichole" (Lincoln), 1 Sept., 9 Edward II. (A.D. 1315).²

Fo. xl.

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and the whole Commonalty of the City, complaining that they had failed to pay, as directed, the sum of 600 marks (the amount of a fine exacted for pulling down an earthen wall near the Tower) to Arnald de Grambail,³ William de la Mare, William de Gayreot, and Peter de Bordeaux, merchants of Gascony, in payment for wine purchased by Walter Waldeshof, the King's Butler, and ordering immediate payment. Dated at Lincoln, 30 Aug., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 117, 118.

² Rymer's 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 277. The writ was issued at the express request of Louis X. of France,

made by letter dated at Crecy, 18 July, 1315. Delpit (*op. cit.*), p. 50.

³ "Gramvail" (Delpit).

Pursuant to the above writ, payment of the sum of 600 marks was made to the aforesaid Gascons, and they delivered to the Mayor and Aldermen a tally of the King's receipt.¹

[Fo. xl b *blank*.]

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that their next election be made according to ancient custom by the Aldermen and other of the more discreet and powerful citizens, and that proclamation be made that no one take part in such election unless specially summoned. Dated at Westminster, 4 July, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].²

Proclamation accordingly.

[Fos. xli b, xlii *blank*.]

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they inquire whether Miles "Hansum" de Gloucestre was a clerk (as he declares) and not a merchant when he entered into a recognizance of debt due to Simon Bolet, according to the form of the statute of Acton Burnel,³ which prescribed that recognizance should be made only between merchant and merchant; and that they do speedy justice therein. Dated at Walsyngham, 6 Oct., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to make proclamation that no merchant sell canvas, linen cloth (*lineam telam*), napery, or like cloth before it has been measured, according to custom (*prout moris est*), by John Pecok, senior, who had been appointed by the King to the office of Alnager⁵ of canvas, linen cloth, napery of England and elsewhere, wadmell,⁶

Fo. xli.

Fo. xlii b.

Breve pro Milone "Hansum" contra Simonem Bolet.

Fo. xliii.

¹ Printed by Delpit (*op. cit.*, pp. 50, 51).

² The writ and proclamation thereon are translated in full in 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 24-26. The writ is printed in Rymer's 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 271.

³ Stat. II Edward I. (A.D. 1283). See 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 79, note.

⁴ *Vide infra*, p. 59.

⁵ Or Alnager, *i.e.*, measurer of cloth by the "aune" (Lat. *ulna*) or ell, for the purpose of collecting the "aulnage" (or duty per ell) paid to the King on all cloths sold.

⁶ Various spelt "wadmol," "wagmol," "woadmell," &c., a coarse cloth largely worn by the lower orders. Its derivation is uncertain. (See 'The Drapers' Dict.,' s.v. "Wadmol.")

Heydok, Mendeps, Kerseys,¹ says² of Louth, Worsted, Norwich, Ireland, and Causton, and all other says and scarlets, and all kinds of cloth of Lincoln, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk, Kent, "Stanford," Beverley, St. Osith, Devon, and Cornwall. Dated at Lincoln, 30 Aug., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Pursuant to the above writ, Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, summoned good men of the misteries (*officiis*) of drapers, mercers, corders, and others of the Commonalty on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Edmund, K. [20 Nov.], and caused the writ to be read to them, asking them if they agreed that the aforesaid John ought to and could exercise that office without prejudice to the City's liberty. To which they made answer that it was never accustomed for any Alnager to exercise his office in the City except as touching canvas, linen cloth, and napery, and this when he was called at the will of the vendor and purchaser in the event of a disagreement between them as to measurement. In the case of other cloths, however, it had never been the custom in the City for any Alnager to meddle, &c., and they would not permit otherwise, &c.

(The same day there were elected good men of the City to go to the Parliament at Lincoln at the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16], viz., Robert de Keleseye, William Trente, John de la Chaumbre, Hamo de Chigge-welle, Matthew de Essex, Simon de Abyndone, and Roger le Paumer.³)

Pursuant to the above writ, proclamation was made of

¹ "Kersey" or "carsey" was also the name of a coarse cloth. Some have supposed it to denote *coarse say*, but more probably it derives its name from the village of Kersey, co. Suffolk.

² "Say" is known to have been a woollen cloth, and one of the earliest productions of the woollen looms in this country. It was largely manufactured in Norfolk and the neighbouring counties, and also, from an early period, in Ireland.

³ The real import of this election, and the reason for its insertion in the middle of this business of the Alnager, is not clear. Simon de Abyndone appears to be the only one of the number who represented the City (with four others) in the Parliament at Lincoln, when the question of a Staple at Calais was considered. *Vide infra*, p. 58.

the appointment of the above John Pecok to the office of Alnager.

Afterwards the said John brought another writ, recorded *infra*, fo. xlvii.

Writ to the Mayor and Aldermen reciting the custom of the City as to the probate and enrolment of wills in the Husting, and bidding them grant *full* execution (and not *partial* execution, as they had done) of the will of Edmund Horn.¹ Dated at "Kynggisclifte,"² 2 Nov., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Fo. xliii b.

Return made to the effect that full execution of the will of Edmund Horn had been done according to the law and custom of the City; but they ought not to remove any process of matters in the Husting of London before any Justices, except the Justices sitting at St. Martin le Grand, to correct any error in the Husting, and this according to the custom of the City aforesaid.

Letters patent granting an annuity of 50 marks to John de Weston, senior, the same to be paid out of the ferm of the City. Dated at Westminster, 18 May, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

*Breve R^o pro
d'no Joh'e de
Weston milite.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they admit John de Wengrave to act as Coroner in the place of Walter Waldeshof, the King's Butler, to whom the office of Coroner in the City appertains. Dated at Dittone, 2 Oct., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Fo. xlv.

Friday before the Feast of SS. Perpetua and Felicitas [7 March], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16], the masons of the City appeared on summons before Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, John de Gisors, Nicholas de Farendone, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, Robert de Keleseye, and John de Lincoln, Aldermen, and were told to elect six pavours, experienced and responsible men, to repair the pavement of the streets of the City. Thereupon election was made by the following masons, viz., Master Michael le Maceoun, Simon de

*De pavatorib'
juratis ad recte
pavand'.*

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 46.

² Mistake for "Kynggiscliptone" (cf. "Kynggesclipestone," *infra*,

p. 59), meaning Clipston or King's Clipston, co. Notts.

Pabenham, Adam le Marberer, Walter de Depenhale, Robert Pavy,¹ Hugh de Tichemers, William le Hore, John Child, and others [not named], who chose Richard de Felmersham, Richard de Banneberi, William de Ledrede, John de Gudeford, John de Okele, and William le Lung, paviours, and they came before the Mayor and Aldermen and were sworn to keep the pavement of the City in repair.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday after the Feast of St. Edmund, K. [20 Nov.], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], came Thomas de Chalgrave before John de Wengrave, the Mayor, and was admitted a paviour, and sworn, &c.

Fo. xliv b.

Ordinance made before Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, and the rest of the Aldermen, by Roger Hosebonde, Roger le Palmere, Richard atte Holmes, John de Stebenhethe, Ralph de Berkwey, Elyas de Berkewey, Robert le Huthereve, Walter Nel, Roger de Suthcote, William de Cheyham, Thomas de Crokesle, Robert Hod, Roger atte Vigne, Robert Heyne, John Cosyn, [and] Richard de Shepertone, to the effect (*inter alia*) that no man, denizen (*prive*) or stranger, bringing corn for sale by land or water shall sell the same otherwise than at the four places² assigned of old, under penalty of forfeiture of the same to the King; that corn brought by water to Queenhithe by strangers shall be publicly exposed for sale when the hour of prime begins to be rung at St. Paul's under the survey of four good men appointed and sworn to watch strangers coming and selling and the purchase by denizens; that corn shall not be bought and sold by sample, and no stranger shall sell to stranger; and the same conditions shall be kept in the corn markets of Billingsgate, Gracechurch, and the Pavement; that no cornmonger, baker, brewer, or other person buy corn in the City or on its way to the City to sell again under pain of forfeiture; that no denizen associate himself with a strange cornmonger nor avow his merchandise; that no denizen retailer

¹ The will of a Robert Pavy described as a mason was proved in the Husting in 1326. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 318.

² Probably Billingsgate, Gracechurch, Queenhithe, and the Pavement before the house of the Grey Friars at Newgate.

of corn stand on the Pavements¹ among foreign dealers, but stand apart, and not deliver his corn by parcels or in gross to a foreigner to sell under penalty of forfeiture. Also that no denizen nor stranger let his house to a baker on a contract to share the profits of the oven, nor shall a baker let his business to another, whether denizen or stranger. And forasmuch as many denizens and strangers have heretofore delivered money to cornmongers and others frequenting markets in the country (*uppelaund*) for the purchase of corn, granting them a commission of 2*d.* or 3*d.* on every quarter bought, to the enhancement of the price of corn near London, such practice is forbidden.

[Fo. xlv *blank.*]

Monday before the Feast of St. Thomas [21 Dec.], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315], the guardianship of William, son of Henry de Coventre, cordwainer, aged six years, John, another son, aged two, and of Johanna, daughter of the same, aged seven, was entrusted to John de Whight and Isabella his wife, relict of the said Henry and mother of the said children, by Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, John de Gisors, John de Wengrave, and Robert de Keleseye, Aldermen, together with certain sums of money received from William de Combe and John de Bechesworth, executors of the aforesaid Henry. Sureties, viz., Thomas de Wight, taverner, and Walter, son of Richard Gladewyn, senior.

Fo. xlv b.

(Afterwards, viz., at the Court of Pleas of Land held in the Husting on Monday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1327-8], the above William, son of Henry de Coventre, was adjudged by the Mayor and Aldermen to be of sufficient age to receive his property, which was delivered to him by the above Walter, son of Richard Gladewyne.)

¹ There appear to have been two distinct corn markets known as the Pavement, viz., (1) near Gracechurch, (2) near the Grey Friars, Newgate, the one being set aside for the use of dealers coming from the Eastern

parts, viz., the counties of Cambridge, Bedford, and Huntingdon, and from Ware; the other for those coming from the West, "as from Barnet" (*come del Barnet*), &c.

'Liber Albus,' i. 433.

Fo. xlv.

*Quartum breve
pro Will'o de
Burg' et Mar-
geria uxore
ejus.*

Another writ to the Mayor and Aldermen on behalf of William de Burgh and Margery his wife, characterizing the City's return to the last writ¹ demanding full execution of the will of Edmund Horn as frivolous and insufficient, and prejudicial to the royal dignity. They are to make a further return and appear in person before the King in the octave of St. Hillary. Witness, R[oger] le Brabanzon, at Westminster, 6 Dec., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

The above writ was returned, "it had come too late," with the common consent of the Mayor and Aldermen, &c. And the return was delivered to John de Camera, Alderman, who had been sent to the Parliament at Lincoln, &c.

Fo. xlv. b.

*Breve R^o ad
venire faciend'
quosdam cives
apud Parliam^t
Lin^c pro sta-
pula lanarum.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for two or three discreet merchants to attend the Parliament to be held at Lincoln² on the quinzaine of St. Hillary for the purpose of considering the advisability of establishing a wool staple at Calais, as desired by the King of France. Dated at Doncastre, 16 Dec., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Pursuant to the above writ, the Mayor summoned the Commonalty and caused it to be read before the good men of the City, and they elected William de Coumbemartyn, John de Burford, Ralph de Walcote, William de Flete, and Simon de Abyndone.³

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two of the more discreet and laborious (*ad laborandum potencioribus*) citizens to represent the City at the Parliament at Lincoln. Dated at Impyngtone,⁴ 16 Oct., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].⁵

Fo. xlvii.

Another writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs touching the appointment of John Pecok, senior, to the office of Alnager of canvas, cloth, &c., and bidding them make proclamation that no one presume to sell cloth, &c., before it has been measured by the

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 55.

² The Parliament was to meet on the 27th January, and it continued to sit until the 20th February. Palgrave, 'Parliamentary Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 157.

³ Printed in Palgrave's 'Parl. Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 154.

⁴ Co. Cambr.

⁵ 'Parl. Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 154. No election or return appears to be recorded.

said John or his attorney. Dated at "Kynggesclipestone,"¹ 26 Dec., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

By reason of the above writ, Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, caused all the Aldermen and good men of the City to assemble on Thursday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], and, having read the writ to them, took counsel as to what should be done, because this writ differed from the former writ on the same subject, inasmuch as in the former writ words were inserted to the effect that the said John should execute the aforesaid office as hitherto accustomed and *prout moris est*,² which words do not appear in the present writ, which seemed therefore to be altogether prejudicial to the liberties of the City. Thereupon it was agreed that for the present the Mayor and certain Aldermen and citizens should go to the Chancellor and Treasurer at Westminster and beg a postponement of the proclamation until the Parliament should meet at Lincoln on the quinzaine of St. Hillary [13 Jan.]. This the Chancellor and Treasurer refused, and peremptorily ordered proclamation to be made on a certain day. After further consultation between the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens it was decided that the proclamation should not be made according to the terms of the writ, but, lest the Mayor and Sheriffs should be guilty of contempt, it was agreed that the Mayor and Aldermen should go again to the King's Council and ask for a respite until Parliament should have met, &c. This was accordingly done, and the desired respite was allowed.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday before the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16], an assembly of the Commonalty was held, there being present Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farendone, John de Gisors, William de Leire, William Trente, Richard de Gloucestre, Roger de Paris, Hamo Godchep, John Lambyn, Roger de Frowyk, Robert de Keleseye, John de la Chaumbre, and Henry de Gloucestre, Aldermen, when it was agreed to endeavour to obtain a confirmation from the King's Council of the charters of the City's liberties, as well as of certain articles which are of

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 55, note.

² *Vide supra*, p. 53.

the City's ancient right, but which had been set aside by certain Justices.¹

And be it known that the Mayor and Aldermen went before the Earl of Lancaster, Sir Walter de Norwich, the Treasurer, Sir John de Sendale, the Chancellor, and other magnates of the King's Council sitting at St. Paul's, and offered the lord the King the sum of 500 marks for a confirmation of their liberties, and £500 for a renewal of the said articles to be set out in a charter.

Fo. xlvii b.

*Breve
escheatoris.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs issued by John Walewayn, the King's escheator this side the Trent, bidding them to summon eighteen good and true men of the Ward of Nicholas de Farendone Without, to meet him at the church of St. Bride, near Flete Bridge, on Sunday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], to inquire on oath as to the lands and tenements which belonged to Edward Burnel at the time of his decease, and as to other matters touching his office of escheator, according to the terms of the King's writ therein directed to him. Dated at Westminster, Friday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16].

Friday before the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16], John le White de Lubyk, merchant, attached to answer before Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, and Hamo Godchep and William de Bodele, the Sheriffs, a charge of having bought goods seized at sea and carried them to Scotland to the King's enemies and elsewhere, and of having substituted his own mark for the marks of the true owners on the said goods, so that they could not be claimed. The said John pleaded not guilty, and put himself on the country. A jury summoned and day named, the said John being mainprised by Robert Parson and John le Lung. The jurors, viz., Robert de Dodeford, John Cocoun (Cotoun?), Elyas de Warewyk, Elias de Thorp, John de Prestone, John de Langele, Reginald de Ailesbury, Alexander Pyk, Adam Ludekyn, John de Romeneye, John de Hadham, and Robert de Alegate, find him not guilty.

¹ Referring to the articles which | in 1319, recorded *infra*, fo. xc. See eventually were conceded by the King | 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' Introd., p. vi.

Wednesday after the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 9 Edward II. [1315-16], the guardianship of William, Thomas, and Margery, children of William atte Vigne¹ and Isabella his wife, entrusted to the said Isabella and John atte Ponde, her then husband, they giving the customary security and exonerating Thomas Prentiz and Simon de Canterbury, executors of the aforesaid William atte Vigne.

Fo. xlviij.

Afterwards, viz., on Friday before the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], came the above Thomas Prentiz and delivered to the said John and Isabella the sum of £30 to the use of Thomas and Margery. Sureties for the said John and Isabella, viz., Robert le Treysere and Wymond Brother.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16], recognizance by Agnes de Braghing, executrix of James, son of Fulk de St. Edmund, late Sheriff of London, of a debt of £16 due to Roger le Palmere, senior, on account of the joint-shrievalty of the said Roger and James.²

Fo. xlviij b.

*Recogn' facta
Rogerio le
Palmere.*

Thereupon the said Roger and Agnes and the executors of the aforesaid James agreed to take no further action on the part of the said shrievalty, except as regards certain particulars named.

Afterwards, viz., on Friday before Christmas, anno 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], the said Agnes came and paid the said Roger the sum of £8.

Writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, desiring them to give the office of the Small Beam (*petite Trone*) to "Elys," son of Edmund de Beyville, for life. Dated at Clipestone, 28 Feb., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16].

*Litera R'
missa pro Elia
de Beyville pro
parva trona
habenda.*

Reply to the effect that the said office appertained to the ferm of the City, and that, according to the custom of the City, no one could be appointed to execute it unless he could give his

Respons'.

¹ Cf. *supra*, p. 19. The will of a William "atte Vine de Bekles," whose wife's name was Isabella, was proved and enrolled in the Husting in Nov., 1308, but no mention is made therein of any children, nor of any such specific

bequests as are here set out. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 201-2.

² Sheriffs in 1309-10.

³ For particulars as to the Small Beam or Balance see 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' *Introd.*, pp. xvii, xviii.

personal attention to its duties, and was a man of some experience, and was, moreover, elected by the Commonalty and sworn to weigh truly between merchant and merchant whenever required. They pray, therefore, that the King will not take it ill that they had not carried out his wishes. Dated 20 March, 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16].

Fo. xlix.

*Custodia
pueror' Gal-
fridi Hurel.*

Saturday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16], the guardianship of John and Cristiana, children of Geoffrey Hurel,¹ entrusted to Johanna, relict of the said Geoffrey, by Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, Richard de Gloucestre, Robert de Keleseye, Simon Corp, Elyas de Suffolk, and Roger de Paris, Aldermen, she answering for the property of the said children, subject to deductions as decreed by the Dean of the church of St. Mary le Bow² (*de Arcubus*), owing to the estate of the testator being insufficient to pay legacies in full. Among the property so to be accounted for are rents of a tenement and wharf situate in the parish of St. Dunstan towards the Tower, left by the testator jointly to the aforesaid Johanna and to John and Adam his sons. Sureties, viz., Adam Ludekyn, John de Romeneye, John de Mockyng, senior, and Ralph le Taverner de Billingg[esgate].

Fo. xlix b.

The guardianship of Agnes, daughter of John Laurence, entrusted to John Thedmar and Amy his wife, aunt of the said Agnes, to whom the property of the said Agnes could not come by hereditary descent. Sureties, viz., Stephen de Prestone, Jordan de Langgele, Robert le Treyere, and John Cros.

*Manucap'
Rob'ti de Baldok
pro liberis
Joh's
le Lorimer.*

Saturday after the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319], the guardianship of Isabella and Johanna, daughters of John le Lorymer, entrusted to Robert de Baldok, carpenter, and Margery his wife, relict of the said John and mother of the said children, by John de Wengrave, the Mayor, N[icholas] de Farndone, J[ohn] de Gisorz, J[ohn] de la Chambre, H[amo] de Chiggewelle, W[illiam] de Leire, Alder-

¹ See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting, London,' i. 260.

² Otherwise known as the Dean of the Court of Arches.

men, and the Commonalty. Sureties, viz., Gerard le Barbier de Holeburne and William le Cordewaner de Holeburne.

Writ to the Sheriffs of London to cause proclamation to be made in the City against demanding prisage and purveyance of ecclesiastics under penalty prescribed by the Statute of Westminster (anno 3 Edward I.),¹ and for the strict observance of the Ordinance on the subject lately made.² Dated at Westminster, 10 April, 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1316].³

Fo. l.

Breve de cessatione prisarum de Religiosis.

Proclamation accordingly.

Commissio Muragii.

Writ to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and the rest of the citizens of London to the effect that whereas a grant had been made to them of certain customs to be levied on merchandise coming to the City for one whole year from the Feast of the Annunciation last past to aid them in enclosing the gate and gaol of Newe-gate and repairing and maintaining the said gaol, the King extends the term for levying such customs to another year from the expiration of the said term on condition that, out of the proceeds, they cause to be completed the wall of the City between the river Flete and the house of the Preaching Friars as far as the Thames,⁴ together with a new turret adjoining the wall begun and not completed, and further, that they cease to exact pontage on goods passing over or under London Bridge recently granted to them by the King's father. After the expiration of this second year the customs aforesaid are to cease. Dated at Westminster, 28 May, 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1315].

Fo. 1 b.

*Schedule of murage chargeable on divers goods.*⁵

For every way (*peisa*) of cheese, unguent, tallow, and butter,

¹ Known as the Statute of Westminster the First (cap. vii. and xxxii.).

² Article x. of the ordinances which the "Ordainers" forced upon the King in 1311 forbade the taking of any new prises. 'Statutes of the Realm,' i. 159.

³ Another and a more general writ on the subject of purveyance was addressed to the Sheriffs from Canter-

bury on the 11th June following. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. pp. 234-6.

⁴ See 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 56, note.

⁵ Cf. schedule of murage in 1278 set out in 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' pp. 223-4. Some of the articles given below are difficult to identify.

1*d.*; for a wey of lead, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for a hundred (*centena*) of wax, 2*d.*; for a hundred of almonds and rice, 1*d.*; for a hundred of grain (*grani*¹), 12*d.*; for a hundred of pepper, ginger, cetewale,² cinnamon (*kanell*³), frankincense, brasil, quicksilver, vermilion, and verdigris (*viridis greci*), 2*d.*; for every hundred of cummin, alum (*aluminis*), sugar, licorice, aniseed (*anic*⁴), turpentine (*ciromentani*⁵), pione (*pion*⁴), gold pigment (*auripigmenti*), 1*d.*; for a hundred of sulphur, argoile (*arguell*⁵), gall (?) (*atramenti*), resin, copperas (*coperos*⁶), and reed (?) (*calami*), $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for a large "frail" (*fraello*) of figs and raisins, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*, and for a small one, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for a pound of clove (*gariophili*), nuts, muscatels (*musc*⁷), mace, cubebs, saffron, and silk, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for a bushel of gingerbread (*gingiberati*⁶), 1*d.*; for a hundred of copper, brass, tin, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a hundred of glass, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for a thousand (*miller*⁷) of best grey work (*grisei operis*⁸), 12*d.*; for a thousand of red work (*ruffi operis*), 6*d.*; for a thousand of Rosekyn,⁹ 4*d.*; for a hundred of coney-skins (*cuniculorum*), $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a timber (*timbra*¹⁰) of fox-skins, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a timber of cat-skins, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a dozen genetie skins (*pellium genettorum*), $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a hundred of sheep's woelfels, 1*d.*; for a hundred lamb and goat skins, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a dozen of leather, 1*d.*; for a dozen of bazen¹¹ (*basani*), $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a quarter of woad (*weyde*), $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a cask of honey, 6*d.*; for a cask of wine, 2*d.*; for a cask of beer for exportation, 1*d.*; for a sieve of salt, 1*d.*; for every measure (*mola*¹²) at the mill, 2*d.*;

¹ A red dye from the "kermes," whence "crimson." See Glossary, 'Liber Cust.,' s.v. "Granum."

² Perhaps identical with Valerian, but more probably with the herb "zedoary." Glossary, 'Liber Albus,' s.v. "Cedewale."

³ Fr. *cermuntyn*. 'Liber Albus,' i. 230.

⁴ Possibly meaning hemp. See Glossary, 'Liber Albus,' s.v. "Pyoine."

⁵ Either a species of clay or a coarse cream of tartar. *Id. ibid.*, s.v. "Argoill."

⁶ Fr. *gingebred* and *gyngembras*. 'Liber Albus,' i. 224, 230.

⁷ Probably for *millenar*⁷.

⁸ Fr. *grisoevre*, a kind of fur, but difficult to identify. See Glossary, 'Liber Cust.,' s.v. "Griseum."

⁹ According to a marginal note in 'Liber Horn,' fo. 249 b, this was the fur of the squirrel in summer.

¹⁰ Fr. *timbre*, a parcel containing a certain number of furs, *paquet de fourrures attachées ensemble*. (Migne, s.v. "Timbrium.")

¹¹ Or basil, sheepskin prepared as leather (Riley).

¹² Mola = mensura frumentaria; *mesure de grains* (Du Cange). Possibly mill-stone (Martin, 'Record Interpreter').

for a dozen (*tramis*?) of handmills (*manumolarum*), 1*d.*; for every mill *ad fabrum*, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for a cask of ashes (*cinerum*) and fish (*piscis*¹), $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a hundred of board and oak (*borde et quercu*) imported from foreign parts, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a hundred of board and fir-pole (?) (*borde et sape*) imported from foreign parts, 2*d.*; for 20 sheaves of steel² (*garbis asceri*), $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for every hundred of *poumandemer*,³ 1*d.*; for every horse-load of serges, woollen cloth (*staminis*), grey cloth, and linen cloth, 1*d.*; for 100 ells of canvas imported from foreign parts, 1*d.*; for a dozen wimples (*peplorum*⁴), $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for every cloth of silk or gold, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for every samite (*samito*) and cloth worked with gold, 2*d.*; for a dozen of fustian, 1*d.*; for every refined cendal (*sindell' afforciato*), $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*, and for two other cendals, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for every pound (?) (*pondere*) of woven cloth (*tele*) imported from foreign parts, 6*d.*; for every hundredweight (*centena ponderis*) of *baterie*,⁵ viz., bacins, dishes, pots and posnets (*pocinatorum*), 1*d.*; for every cloth of Flanders dyed and refined (*afforciato*), 2*d.*; for every *estauford*⁶ from the same parts, 1*d.*; for a dozen of hose from the same parts, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a hood (*caperacio*), 1*d.*; for every borel⁷ (*burello*) from Normandy or elsewhere, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for every dozen of black and white monk's cloth (*panni monachal'*), $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for every bale (*trussello*) of cloth coming to London for exportation, 18*d.*; for every English cloth dyed and russet, except of scarlet, coming to London to be sold, 2*d.*; for every scarlet cloth, 6*d.*; for every summer cloth (*panno estivali*) coming from Staunford or Northampton or elsewhere in England to be sold in London, 1*d.*; for a dozen of blankets (*chalonum*), 1*d.*; for every pound (*pondere*) of other merchandise coming to London not mentioned above, 4*d.*; for a shipload (*navata*) of sea-coal, 6*d.*; for a shipload of

Fo. li.

¹ Or possibly some kind of cloth, *éttoffe de couleur bleue* (Migne, s.v.).

² According to the Assize of Weights and Measures set out in 'Liber Horn' (fo. 123) a sheaf of steel comprised thirty pieces. See the 'Statutes of the Realm' (ed. 1810), vol. i. p. 205n.

³ Possibly *pomme d'amour*, i.e., love-apple, tomato.

⁴ Peplum, *voile, guimpe des religieuses* (Migne).

⁵ Utensils of iron or copper for use in a kitchen, known to this day as *batterie de cuisine*.

⁶ Estanford? (Stamford).

⁷ Or burel, a coarse woollen cloth extensively manufactured in Normandy, and still known in France as "bureau."

turf, 2*d.*; for a scout¹ (*scutata*) of underwood, 2*d.*; for a batel (*batella*) of underwood, 1*d.*; for a scout (*scutata*) of hay, 2*d.*; for a quarter of corn coming to London by land or water for sale, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for two quarters of wheat, barley, mesline² (*mixtilionis*), pease, and beans, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for four seams (*summis*³) of oats, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for two quarters of grout (*grutti*) and malt, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for every horse for sale of the value of 40*s.* or more, 1*d.*, and for a horse of less value, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for every ox and cow, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for six pigs, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for ten sheep, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for five porkers (*baconibus*) for sale, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for ten gammons of bacon (*pernis*), $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for every burel (*burello*) manufactured in London leaving the City, 1*d.*; for every cart laden with fish coming to London, 1*d.*; for the hull of every big ship freighted with merchandise to be sold in London, except the above, 2*d.*, and for a smaller vessel, 1*d.*; for every batel freighted, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a dozen of salted salmon, 1*d.*; for twenty-five melvel (*milvellis*⁴), $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a hundred salted haddock, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a thousand of herring, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for a dozen salted lampreys, 1*d.*; for a thousand of salted eels, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*; for a hundred (*centena*) of coarse (*grassi*) fish, 1*d.*; for a hundred (*centum*) of salted mackerel, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for a hundred sturgeon (*piscis sturgionis*), 2*d.*; for a hundred of "stokfish," $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for a load of sand-eels⁵ (*ceparum*), $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for a load of garlick (*allei*), $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.*; for all merchandise not here named of the value of 20*s.*, 1*d.*

Another writ to the Mayor and Aldermen to the effect that they should postpone the completion of the new turret on the City wall near to the house of the Friars Preachers and forthwith repair the chamber and sewer (*cloacam*) of Neugate gaol. Dated at Langele, 28 March, 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1316].

Fo. li b.

Another writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs granting murage on the same merchandise for a further term of two years in aid of the building of the aforesaid turret near the Black Friars. Dated at Westminster, 26 May, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

¹ Or 'schuyt, similar to vessels so called from the Low Countries.

² A mixture of wheat and rye.

³ *Summa*, a load; a soam or seam = 6 or 8 bushels.

⁴ *Mulvellus*, a mulveel, melwel,

or green-fish. See Glossary, 'Liber Cust.', p. 816.

⁵ This interpretation is doubtful. See Martin's 'Record Interpreter' (1892).

Thereupon came Edmund de Wyndesore and brought letters patent of the King addressed to the Mayor and Sheriffs, bidding them allow the said Edmund to execute the above works, for which murage had been granted, by himself or deputy. Dated at Westminster, 30 May, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

Fo. ii.

Writ to the Mayor and Aldermen on behalf of William de Burgh and Margery his wife to similar effect to that recorded *supra* [p. 58], and summoning them to appear before the King on a day named. Witness, R[oger] le Brabanzon, at Lincoln, 6 Feb., 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16].

Fo. lii b.

Return made *sicut alias* [*supra*, p. 55], and they would appear on the day named.

Monday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16], complaint made by good men of the trade of potters as to frauds committed in their trade.¹

Fo. liii.

Wednesday after the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1316]. Ordinances made by certain good men of Sopereslane of the mistery of Pepperers, with the assent of Sir Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, John de "Gisorce," Nicholas de Farendone, John de Wengrave, Robert de Keleseye, William de Leire, Richard de Gloucestre, Hamo de Chiggewelle, John de la Chaumbre, Simon de Corp, and Anketyn de "Gisorz," Aldermen.²

Fo. liii b.

Saturday before the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], came William Del Abbey, skinner, and found sureties for his maintaining and instructing William, son of Martin le Tawyer, deceased, for a term of twelve years, viz., Peter de Newcastle, skinner, and Simon de Bedeford, skinner.

Fo. liv.

*Custodia W.
fil' Martini
(le) Tawiere.*

3 June, 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], the guardianship of Ralph, son of Robert le Chaundeler, entrusted to Amicia (or Avicia)

*Custodia Rad'i
filii Roberti
le Chaundel'.*

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 118.

² 'Memorials,' p. 120. In the last paragraph, which ordains that where merchandise is sold by the hundred-weight (*cyntheyne*) the purchaser was

to receive 112 pounds for every 100, and 15 oz. for every pound (except in certain specified cases), the editor of the 'Memorials' appears to have missed the point.

his mother, relict of the said Robert, by Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, John de Gisors, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, and the rest of the Aldermen [not named], together with a certain tenement formerly belonging to Adam le Chaundeler, which the said Ralph recovered from Roger de Evre by an assize of novel disseisin, the said tenement being charged with certain payments to the Prior of Merton, the Hospital of St. Katherine, and the Prioress of Kelebourne, &c. Sureties, viz., William le Fourbour, John de Pelham, cotiller, William de Wyton', "peleter," and John de Leycestre, tailor.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday before the Feast of Ascension [8 May], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], came the aforesaid Amicia and complained that Reginald de Undle, to whom she had leased the above tenement, had failed to pay the charges due to the chief lords, which the said Reginald denied. The chief lords summoned to appear and state what is due to them, the property being in the meantime taken into the City's hand.

Fo. liv b.
*Preceptum de
venditione
vadiorum*

5 June, 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], precept issued by Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farendone, John de Gisors, John de Wengrave, Robert de Keleseye, Henry de Gloucestre, William Servat, Hamo de Chigwelle, Hamo Godchep, William de Leire, and John de la Chaumbre, Aldermen, to John Dode, the Chamberlain, to sell all pledges in his custody that were taken on account of assessment for breaking down the wall near the Tower, for discharge of certain debts of the City, and for expediting certain affairs of the City, &c.

*De custodia
Henr' fil'
Henr' Gubbe.*

Monday the morrow of H. Trinity [6 June], 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], the guardianship of Henry, son of Henry Gubbe, late "stokfishmongere," entrusted to Robert de Ely, fishmonger, and Alice his wife, relict of the said Henry, by Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, John de Wengrave, William de Leire, Robert de Keleseye, Henry de Gloucestre, William de Coumbemartyn, John de Lincoln, William Servat, and Hamo de Chiggewelle, Aldermen, together with the sum of £30 and certain household goods which were delivered to them by Peter de Hatfeld and

other executors of the said Henry, and also certain rents of a tenement in the parish of St. Michael near Candelwikstrete, formerly held by William de Braye, "stokfisshemongere," &c. Sureties, viz., Hugh Matfrei, William Edmond, John de Denham, Robert de Stratford, and Thomas Edmond.

(Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-3], came the above Henry, son of Henry Gubbe, before John de Prestone, Gregory de Nortone, John de Caustone, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and acknowledged satisfaction, &c.)

Also, the guardianship of John, another son of the above Henry Gubbe, was entrusted to the aforesaid Robert and Alice. Sureties as above. The executors of the said Henry,¹ viz., Peter de Hatfeld, William Launce, William de Bray, Gilbert de Mordone, and Richard Gubbe, are quit.

Afterwards, in the Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday before the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1333-4], in the presence of John de Pulteneie, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, John de Grantham, Benedict de Fulsham, Gregory de Nortone, Andrew Aubry, Richard de Hakeneye, William de Caustone, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, the above John was adjudged to be of full age, and he acknowledged satisfaction for his property, and acquitted Hugh Madefrey and the other sureties of Robert de Ely.

Monday the morrow of *Clausum Pasche*, 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], the guardianship of Avicie, daughter of Geoffrey de Beckles, entrusted to John atte Watre, burser, and Isabella his wife, relict of the said Geoffrey, whose executors, viz., Ralph de Storteford and John de Ewelle, senior, as well as John de Ewelle, junior, hand over to them the infant's property, for which a bond is given by the above John atte Watre, Hugh de Wircestre, skinner, and John de Pikenham, "pater-nostrer."²

Fo. lv.

*Custodia
Avicie filie
Galfridi de
Beckles.*

¹ His will proved and enrolled in the Husting in Jan., 1316. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 259.

² Maker of "paternosters" or rosaries.

Fo. lv b.

*Breve d'ni R'
pro armatis
arstandis et
istud breve h't
Hami'd' ae
Chykwelle
Maior a' E.
fil' E. xiiij.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against vagrants in the City and the carrying of offensive weapons by anybody except the King's and Queen's Serjeants-at-arms, and one servant to carry his master's sword before each earl or baron. Dated at Westminster, 12 June, 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1316].

Proclamation accordingly.

Fo. lvi.

*Dimissio porte
de Creplegate
facta Will'o
de Waltham.*

Monday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], the gate of Creplegate granted to William de Waltham by Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, John de Wengrave, Robert de Keleseye, Henry de Gloucestre, Richard de Gloucestre, William Servat, John Lambyn, Roger de Frowyk, Anketyn de Gisors, William de Coumbemartyn, Roger de Paris, Hamo de Chiggewelle, and Hamo Godchep, Aldermen, to hold the same for life as a dwelling-house for the sum of £8 paid to John Dode, the Chamberlain. And the said William covenants to keep the houses (*domos*) built over the said gate protected against wind and rain, except big timber, stone, or lead, &c., and he will demise the said gate or houses to no one without the assent of the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being.

Pleas before John de Wengrave, the Mayor, on Saturday after *Carniprivium*, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316-17]:—Stephen de Newcastle “super Are,”¹ parson of the church of St. Laurence de Candelwikstrete, attached to answer a charge of having removed certain enclosures near the churchyard of the said church, through which ran a common way from time immemorial for men and horses.

Thereupon prohibition issued.

Fo. lvi b.

Acquittance by Stephen de Abyndone, citizen of London, and Johanna his wife, late wife of Simon de Matham, to Simon de Abyndone, Edmund de Chiltren', and Jordan Lambel, executors of the said Simon de Matham, for the sum of £240 bequeathed to the aforesaid Johanna by her former husband. Dated at London, 19 June, 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1316].

Saturday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], came Hamo Godchep before John

¹ Elsewhere he is described as of Newcastle under Lyme. Hust. Roll 46 (40).

de Gisors, John de Wengrave, and Robert de Keleseye, Aldermen, acting in place of Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, and demanded execution of a certain statute [merchant] and the sum of £30 for mercery purchased of him, and, the letter of statute being inspected, execution was granted.

Be it remembered that whereas certain arrears of divers taxations had been demanded of Adam de Rokesle, late Alderman, viz., of the arrears of 2,000 marks, anno 30 [Edward I.]—£7 10s.; and of the taxation made for gifts and expenses at the coronation of the present King, anno 1 [Edward II.]—one mark; and also of Peter de Blakeneye of arrears of 1,000 marks given to the present King, anno 4 [Edward II.]—20s.; and of the said Peter of arrears of the fifteenth, anno 29 [Edward I.], viz., for a third part of 15s.—5s., there came John “de la Chaumbre,” Alderman, before Stephen de Abyndone, the Mayor, and the rest of the Aldermen, and asked that some mitigation of the said debts might be allowed to him, and he would satisfy the aforesaid arrears, &c. Thereupon it was agreed that all the said arrears should be pardoned and released for 4 marks, which the Commonalty owed the said John “de Camera” for his expenses in going to the Parliament at Lincoln, and for 60s. due to the said John on a loan in the Chamber by a certain tally of taxation for £1,000 lent to the King, anno 6 [Edward II.], and that the said Adam and Peter and their executors should be quit of all demands, &c.

Proclamation that no brewer nor brewster nor any one else sell a gallon of ale for more than 3 farthings and at a penny,¹ and the best at three halfpence. Any one convicted of doing the contrary shall at first lose his brew, at the second offence abjure the trade, and at the third abjure the City for ever.

The above proclamation was made by common assent of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty on Monday the eve of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], and two good men from each Ward were sworn to see it observed.

¹ *Plus cher le Galoun qe iij ferthyngges e a dener.* The meaning appears to be that the highest price

that could be asked for anything except the best ale was a penny. See ‘Liber Albus,’ i. 358-359.

Fo. lvii.

*Proclamacio
cervisie.*

Afterwards the King issued his writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for the observance of the proclamation as appears *infra* (fo. lviii).

Michaelmas Term, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], Monday before the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], Agnes de Bosham, executrix of William de Bosham, deceased, attached to answer Thomas de Carduyl,¹ executor of Benedict atte More, touching a sum of money bequeathed by the said William to the said Benedict, as appeared by a tally under the seal of the said William, which the said Agnes could not deny. Judgment for the plaintiff, and thereon assignment of certain rents in Chepe, which Thomas de Balsham, cheesemonger (*casearius*), consents to pay to the aforesaid Thomas.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], came Walter de Hadham, tanner, before the Chamberlain and acknowledged the receipt of 40s. from Richard Ussher and the other executors of Hawisia de Mymmes, which the said Hawisia bequeathed to Hawysia her god-daughter (*fiiole*), daughter of the aforesaid Walter, which money he held in trust. Therefore the executors are quit.

Fo. lvii b.

Writ to the Mayor and Chamberlains (*Camerariis*) of the City for a search to be made in the Rolls of taxation for the last fifteenth to see whether or not Hamo Godchep had been assessed on all his goods movable within the realm in addition to the issues of his lands outside. Witness, J[ohn] Delisle, at Westminster, 25 Nov., 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316].

Return made to the effect that it had been found from the Rolls that the said Hamo Godchep had been lately taxed for the last fifteenth on all his goods movable within the realm, except goods issuing from his foreign lands.

Henry de St. Antonine, taverner, to answer a charge of having sold a gallon of wine at Christmas, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316], for sixpence, contrary to the ordinance which declared that no taverner of the City should sell wine by retail for more than fivepence² a gallon, &c.

¹ Carlisle.

² In May, 1315, the price ordained

was threepence a gallon. *Vide supra*, p. 44.

The said Henry came, confessed his guilt, and put himself on the mercy of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Judgment given that, inasmuch as the said Henry had sold a gallon of wine out of a cask at a penny more than was lawful, he should sell the remainder of the cask at fourpence a gallon and bring the money into court to be dealt with as the court should decide.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday before the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] following, the said Henry came and asked the favour of the Mayor touching the said money. Thereupon the money was delivered to him on condition that if he should be again convicted of selling wine at sixpence a gallon, when that was not the price current throughout the City, he should forfeit 100s. to the Commonalty.

Writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they warn cloth merchants not to untruss their bales of goods before John de Engayne, Keeper of the King's ell (*aun*),¹ has viewed the same and done that which appertains to his office, the cloth of such as act to the contrary to be seized. Dated at Claryndon, 22 Feb., 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316-17].

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they cause the Assize of Ale to be observed, viz., that in cities, boroughs, and mercantile towns a gallon of the best ale be sold for three halfpence and of other ale for one penny, and in country towns a gallon of the best ale be sold for one penny, until further orders. Dated at Daventre, 22 Jan., 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316-17].

Fo. Iviii.

*Breve R^e de
proclamacione
cervisie.*

Proclamation made accordingly.

Indenture of defeasance of a bond entered into by John "Pisaquila"² de "Janua" in the sum of £40 in favour of Hugh de Waltham, on condition that the said John shall well and honestly behave himself towards Lecia, wife of Geoffrey de Conduit, Charles, brother of the said Geoffrey, and the said Hugh de Waltham. Dated at London, Saturday after the

Fo. Iviii b.

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 53, n.

² Appears elsewhere as John de "Pinza Aquila" or "Pizaquile" de "Jenes" or "Jenue" (Genoa). 'Cal.

Letter-Book B,' pp. 248, 250; 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 281; Hust. Roll 39 (31).

Feast of the Conception B. M. [8 Dec.], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316].

*Memoranda
tangencia
Joh'em et Ag-
netem liberos
Jacobi fil' Ful-
conis de Sancto
Edmundo.*

Thursday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316-17], certain deeds and muniments relating to property belonging to Fulk de St. Edmund and James his son, as well as certain memoranda touching the Shrievalty of the said James, were delivered by John de Wengrave, the Mayor, the rest of the Aldermen, and the Chamberlain, to Agnes de Braghying, executrix of the aforesaid James and guardian of John and Agnes his children, for safe custody until the said children come of age. Sureties for the said Agnes, viz., Ralph Fulk and William de Braghying.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], came John de Braghying, William de Lutone, and William de Braghying, executors of the aforesaid Agnes,¹ and brought two black coffers to the Guildhall containing the above muniments, the keys of which remain in the custody of the said John de Braghying.

Fo. lix.

Saturday before the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316-17], came Matilda, late wife of Hugh de Oxon', and acknowledged a deed for the receipt of various household goods² from Walter Waldeshof, Matthew de Essex, and James Beauflur, executors of Richard de Blountesham, to hold in trust for Idonia and Johanna, daughters of Margery, wife of the said Richard, until they arrive at marriageable age. Surety, viz., Nicholas de Bristoll, vintner.

Fo. lix b.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to the effect that whereas the King had appointed William de Ormesby, John de Thorp, and John de Fresyngfelde to survey and examine corn measures in the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, as well within the liberties as without, and to deliver measures proved by the King's Standard in London to be used in appointed places in those counties, the said Mayor and Sheriffs are to cause a

¹ Her will enrolled in the Husting in Feb., 1323, being dated 2 April, 1320. 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust.,' vol. i. p. 301.

² Particulars of the goods will be found set out at length in 'Memorials,' pp. 123-5.

certain measure of corn to be made and proved according to the King's Standard of the said City, and to be sealed with the King's Seal deputed for that purpose, and to be sent forthwith by some responsible person to the said William, John, and John. The costs to be allowed in the City's account with the King's Exchequer. Dated at Westminster, 20 April, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to pay to Margaret, widow of Peter de Gavastone, late Earl of Cornwall, an annual rent of £43 18s. 9½d., issuing from Queenhithe, for the term of her life, the same to be allowed in the City's account with the Exchequer. Dated at Clipstone, 20 Dec., 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316].

Fo. lx.

Another writ addressed to the Sheriffs of London, of the same date, and to similar effect.

A general acquittance granted by Richard, son of Walter Gubbe, to Ralph Gubbe, "stokfisshmongere," his late guardian, who had suffered imprisonment for default in rendering an account. Dated Wednesday after Easter [3 April], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

Fo. lx b.

*Scriptum
Rad'i Gubbe
stokfisshmon-
gere.*

Acknowledged before John de Wengrave, the Mayor, on Friday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April].

Deed whereby, in return for a sum of money paid and received, Hugh de Waltham covenants to pay to John de Waltham, called "le Teler," chaplain, an annuity of £8 for a term of fourteen years. Dated 18 May, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

*Scriptum
Joh'is de
Waltham ca-
pellani et vicar'
de Wyndesore.*

The above deed acknowledged on the 19th May.

Deed of acquittance granted by Ranulf de Waltham, rector of the church of St. Michael de Bassieshagh, and William de Coventre, chaplain, executors of Sir John de Waltham, late vicar of "Wyndesore," to Hugh de Waltham, clerk, for the above annuity. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April], A.D. 1325.

Fo. lxi.

Acknowledged on Saturday before the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

Friday the morrow of the Ascension [12 May], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], the guardianship of John, Peter, Isabella, Nicholas,

*Custodia
pueror' Joh'is
l'anne.*

Matthew, Thomas, Johanna, and Idonea, children of John Vanne,¹ entrusted to Dame Jakelyne, relict of the said John and mother of the said children. Surety, viz., Richer de Refham, Knt.

*Script' d'ni
Joh' de
Britannia.*

Deed of covenant by Adam le Plastrer to plaster the hall of Sir John de Brittain, Earl of Richemond, with plaster of Paris, repair walls, &c. Dated Thursday before the Feast of Pentecost [22 May], 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].²

Fo. lxi b.

*Breve Regis di-
rectum Maiori
Vicecom' et
Camerario suo
pro buss' faci'.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs and Chamberlain of the City for the delivery of a bushel sealed and in conformity with the King's Standard measure in London to Master Jordan Moraunt, John de Bousser, and Geoffrey de Hertepol, whom the King had appointed to survey and assay measures in the counties of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex. Dated at Westminster, 28 May, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

Friday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], came Petronilla, late wife of William le Bokebyndere, John, the parson of the church of St. Faith, and John de Waltham, executors of the said William, and by order of John de Wengrave, the Mayor, and the rest of the Aldermen paid to Juliana la Hokestere, mother of John, son of the aforesaid William, the sum of 20s., which the said William bequeathed to his said son.

Fo. lxii.

*Scriptum exe-
cutor' Will'i
de conductu de
denar' legat'
Isabell' filie
sue.*

Deed of acquittance by Robert de Pipehurst, goldsmith, for money received from Idonea, widow of William de Conduit, late vintner, Sir Charles [de Conduit], the rector of the church of Cullesdone,³ and Henry de Secheford, in trust for Isabella, daughter of the said William. Sureties, viz., Gilbert de Lesnes and Thomas Rys, goldsmiths. Dated 18 June, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

Acknowledged Saturday after the Feast of St. Botolph [17 June].

¹ His will enrolled in the Husting in October, 1316, where he is described as a member of the Company of the Ballard. 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 264. He was a

"pepperer" by trade, and is elsewhere described as a merchant of Lucca. Hust. Roll 39 (29).

² 'Memorials,' p. 125.

³ Coulsdon, co. Surrey.

The above deed annulled and the guardianship of the said Isabella entrusted to John Priour *ut patet anno xvii*.¹

A similar acquittance, of even date, by Charles de Conduit, rector of the church of Cullesdone, for money received from the above Idonea and Henry de Secheford, his co-executors, in trust for Geoffrey, son of the above William de Conduit. Sureties, viz., Reginald de Conduit and Philip Lucas.

*Scriptum exec^r
Willⁱ de con-
ductu de denar^o
legalⁱ Galfrido
filio suo.*

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday after the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1329-30], came Reginald de Conduit and Philip Lucas, the sureties of the afore-said Charles, before Simon de Swanlond, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, Henry Darci, John de Caustone, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and delivered the property of the above Geoffrey to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chamberlain; and John Priour, Alderman, who had married Idonea, the mother of the said Geoffrey, came and acknowledged satisfaction. Therefore let the said Charles, Reginald, and Philip be quit.

Memoranda, temp. J[ohn] de Wengrave, Mayor, 11 Edward II.

Fo. lxii b.

Saturday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], William de Ailesberi, William de York, and William Dyri, junior, were elected and presented by good men of the mistery of woolmongers to execute the office of brokers (*coretariorum*) of wool, and they were sworn before John de Wengrave, the Mayor, and the rest of the Aldermen, &c.

Abrocar^r lan^r.

Sunday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], proclamation made against brewers, male or female, fermenting corn for the purpose of making malt, under pain of forfeiture.

20 Oct., 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], came John de Douvedale, Knt., before John de Wengrave, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farendone, William de Leire, Richard de Gloucestre, Simon de Paris, Henry de Gloucestre, Hamo Godchep, Simon Corp, John de Lincoln, and Roger de Paris, Aldermen, William de Fourneys

¹ *Infra*, fo. cxlix b.

and John Priour, the Sheriffs, and found sureties for his satisfying Edmund and Thomas, sons of Stephen de Coventre, as to certain rents bequeathed to them, viz., Richer de Refham, Knt., Master Peter le Cirugien, Hugh de Bonggeye, "armurer," William, son of Walter de Fynchingfeld, William de Hackeford, mercer, and John de la Chaumbre, Alderman.

[*cedula*.]

A clause in the will of Stephen de Coventre, proved and enrolled in the Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 4 Edward II. [A.D. 1310]:¹ *Item*, I will that my children remain in the custody of Roysia, my mother, so long as she lives, together with their legacies, and after her decease in the custody of Isabella, my wife, until they come of age, so that she safely and honestly keep them in all necessities, she giving surety according to the custom, &c.

Fo. lxiii.

Indenture of defeasance of a grant by William le "Maze-lyner," son of John le "Mazerer," to Henry de Norhamptone, "pheliper," of a tenement in "la Bowelane," in the parish of St. Michael de Paternostercherche, near the tenements of Robert de Gunthorp and William Hardel, on payment of the sum of £25 to the said Henry at his house in the parish of St. Christopher de Bradestrete on the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.] next. Witnesses, Andrew de Staunford, Robert Person, Luke de Haverynge, Stephen de Prestone, Stephen de Rokesle, John de Prestone, John Vivian, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

Afterwards, viz., on Saturday before the Feast of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], came Henry de Norhamptone before Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged satisfaction for the above money, and asked that the above deed might be annulled.

Fo. lxiii b.

*Scriptum
Will'i de
Camerwelle.*

Deed of covenant touching a lease by Peter, son of Peter de Bosenho, to William de Camerwelle, of houses in Candelwikstrete, in the parish of St. Mary de Bothawe, for a term of four

¹ Cf. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 213.

years, with use and occupation of the same for a further period of two and a quarter years. Dated Wednesday the Feast of St. Clement [23 Nov.], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

Lease granted by John, called "le Bakere," of Creplegate, to John, called "le Hore," and Alice his wife, of a brewhouse within Creplegate for a term of eight years from Michaelmas, A.D. 1317. Witnesses, John de "Mymnes," Roger de "Mymnes," Alexander le Mazerer, Richard le Hodere, Thomas de Kent, Adam de Conduit, Ralph the baker, William de Horsham, Adam de Depedene, and others [not named].

*Scriptum
Joh'is le Hore
et Alic' ux'is
ejus.*

Read and enrolled Monday before the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

Deed of assignment by John de Nasyng, girdler, to Sir Remigius de Hedersete, clerk, of certain rents issuing from tenements formerly granted by William de Medelane, late dyer, to Thomas his son, and situate in the parish of St. James de Garlekheth, near Sporoneslane, and in the parish of St. Michael, Queenhithe; the said rents having been granted to the said John by John de Yeveneye and Theophania his wife, widow of the above William de Medelane. Dated Tuesday the Vigil of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

Fo. lxiv.

Writ to the Sheriffs for proclamation to be made against the seizure of goods and provisions for the King's use without payment for the same, and contrary to the wishes of the owners. Dated at Westminster, 22 Nov., 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

Fo. lxivb.

*Breve Regis de
proclam' facta
de prisis.*

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two representatives of the City to attend the Parliament summoned to meet at Lincoln in the quinzaine of Hillary next.¹ [No date.]

Letters patent assigning the City's ferm and all other demands of the Exchequer for the repayment of the sum of £1,000 advanced by the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of London to the King in aid of the war in Scotland. Dated at Clipstone, 8 Jan., 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316-17].

Fo. lxv.

*Assignacio
£mⁱ per Pram
patentem.*

¹ This Parliament, which was to meet at Lincoln on the 27th January, 1318, was subsequently postponed by successive writs to March, and after-

wards to June. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' *Introd.*, vol. ii. pp. lxxix, lxxx.

*Assignacio
Lm^e direct'
vicecom' Lon-
don'.*

Letters patent of even date and to similar effect, addressed to the Sheriffs of London.

Fo. lxxv b.

Be it remembered that on Thursday after the Feast of St. Thomas [21 Dec.], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], came Clement, the clerk of the King's Marshalsea, and asked of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs that Serjeants of the City might be deputed to accompany him, on the City's behalf, into the suburb for the delivery of hostels for the use of the King's household on his coming to Westminster, &c. For which purpose there were deputed Roger atte Watre and Roger le Barbier, Serjeant.¹

Fo. lxxvi.

Deed whereby John, son of Roger ate Pole de Edelmeton, covenants that a bond entered into by Richard de Wylehale in the sum of £40 shall be void on condition that Juliana, wife of the said Richard, allow the said John to enjoy peaceable possession of certain lands and tenements in certain fields called "Foubdesfeld," "Paynesfeld," and "le Hyde," and elsewhere in and near the vill of Edelmetone,² after the decease of her said husband, which lands and tenements formerly belonged to John de Luco, called "Janyne." Dated Tuesday after the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Fo. lxxvi b.

Monday after the Feast of St. Lucia, V. [13 Dec.], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], there were assembled at the Guildhall:— John de Wengrave, the Mayor, John de Gisors, Nicholas de Farendone, William de Leire, Richard de Gloucestre, Hamo de Chiggewelle, Simon de Corp, Elyas de Suffolk, William Servat, Roger de Frowik, John de Lincoln, Henry de Gloucestre, John de la Chaumbre, Anketyn de Gisors, and Roger de Paris, Aldermen, before whom came good men of the City, viz., John de Burford, Henry le Gaugeour, Thomas le Ropere, Adam Snowe, "coupere," Robert de Lenne, Robert de Lymynton, Richard de Dorkynge, Robert le Callere, and Thomas Wastel.

Of the Ward of Vintry:—Thomas de Crokesle, John atte Crouche, Henry le Hore, William atte Rothe, Adam de Depedene, Nicholas Cook.

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 125.

² Edmonton.

Bredestrete:—Adam atte Conduit, Richard de Berdefeld, Roger le Palmere, Oliver Brouninge, Richard Gubbe, Hugh de Asshebourne, John de Castelacre, Hugh Matfrei, Nicholas Edmond, Adam de Ely.*

Creplegate:—Richard Costantyn, John de Wynton', William Joye, Andrew Cortoys, Roger Lespicer, Robert Sely, Robert le Bret, Jordan de Langle, Henry atte More, Matthew Dessex.

Farendone:—Richard Jordone, William de Aroundel, John de Pikenham, Walter atte Belhous, John Lyndeseye, Gilbert de Lesnes, Roger Hosebonde, Richard de Dokesworth, Roger de Edelmetone, Richard de Shordiche, Ralph de Blithe, Stephen de Herford, John de Hereward, Adam le Marbrer, William Flori, John de Paris, William de Toppesfelde.

Aldresgate:—John atte Grove, Ralph de Blithe, Nigel de Whatele, Thomas de Berkyng, Thomas de Lincoln.

Queenhithe:—William Prodehomme, Roger de Suthcote, Robert Heyne, Roger de Bernes, Ralph de Berkweye, Richard atte Holmes, Richard atte Vygne, Richard de Bolyntone.

Colmanstrete:—Richard Trugge, Adam de Mondene, Simon Frank, John Gentil, Ralph de Braghingge, John Potyn, Adam de St. Alban, Geoffrey de Brandone, Andrew Brunne.

[For what purpose the above meeting took place is not recorded.—EDITOR.]

Deed of acquittance by John, son of Nicholas Pikot, late Alderman, deceased, to Hugh de Waltham, John de Dallynge, senior, and Robert de Brakene, his father's executors, for property left to him by his said father. Dated 18 Nov., A.D. 1319.

Saturday the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317-18], the guardianship of Roger, son of Robert Osekyn,¹ late carpenter, entrusted to Robert, another son of the aforesaid Robert, goldsmith, by John de Wenegrave the Mayor, Nicholas de Farendone, John de Gisors, William de Leyre, Robert de Keleseye, Richard de Gloucestre, Simon de Paris,

Fo. lxxvii.

¹ His will enrolled in the Husting in October, 1311. See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting, London' (vol. i. p. 223), where the testator's name is

erroneously printed as "Roger" Osekyn. The error is noted in the Index. His son Roger is mentioned in the will, but is omitted in the 'Calendar.'

and Hamo Godchep, Aldermen, together with certain rents in the parish of St. Benedict Fink and other property, comprising a cup of silver plate, a cup of mazer (*de mucro*), a brass pot, a feather bed, &c. Surety, viz., Sir John Devery.

The same day the guardianship of John, another son of the above Robert Osekyn, entrusted to Robert le Callere, together with property in the parish of St. Bartholomew. Surety, viz., Elyas le Callere.¹

Sunday after the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319], John le Fourbour, residing on Cornhell, attached by Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, and taken to Newgate, for carrying arms contrary to the proclamation. Afterwards, viz., on the following Monday, he was taken before the Mayor and Aldermen at the Guildhall, and mainprised by Geoffrey de Blithe, Richard le Joynour de Cornhull, Robert de Arderne, taverner, and Walter Chaumpeneys, taverner.

Fo. lxvii b.

De inprisonamento Joh'is de Saxton'.

Saturday the eve of the Circumcision [1 Jan.], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], John de Saxton', "fourbour," committed to Neugate prison for assaulting a servant of Richard de Stanho, Dean of Arches. Being brought before the Mayor and Aldermen, he acknowledged his guilt and was set free on bail.²

Custodia Will'i Noil nepotis Will'i Trente.

Wednesday after the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317-18], the guardianship of William Noille, nephew (*nepotis*) of William Trent, entrusted to James Beauflour, vintner, together with his property, amounting to the sum of 102s. 9d.

Acquittance by Roger Swetinge, fruiterer, and Felicia his wife, widow of Walter de Northwych, girdler, to John, son of Richard Hauteyn, for a rent charge on certain solars in Westchepe, in the parish of St. Pancras, which the said John acquired in fee from the said Walter. Dated 21 Feb., 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317-18]. Witnesses, Richard But, Hugh de Garton, Robert de Hakbourne, William de Hederset, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named].

¹ The appearance here of Robert le Callere and Elyas le Callere is doubtless due to the fact that Johanna, the wife of Robert Osekyn and mother

of these infants, was a daughter of William le Callere. 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 4, membr. 9.

² 'Memorials,' p. 126.

Acknowledged Monday before the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.].

Lease by Ralph atte Penne de Aldenham to John de Wrotham, baker, and Alice his wife, of a tenement, formerly belonging to John atte Northawe, in the parish of St. Mildred de Bredstret; to hold the same for a term of twenty years from Easter [23 April], anno 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], paying yearly to the Prior and Convent of St. Saviour 6*s.*, to Henry Pinkeneie 2 marks, to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's 2*s.* 4*d.*, and to the afore-said Ralph 3*l.*s. 8*d.* Witnesses, John de Gysors, John de "Nicole," Roger le Paumer, Richard de Redingge, Henry le Cuver, Peter le Clerk, Ralph de Bredestret, William atte Roche [*sic*], Thomas de Wyght, Robert de Marsham, clerk. Dated 22 Feb. [11 Edward II., A.D. 1317-18].

Fo. lxviii.

Assignment by Robert de Alegate, potter, and Johanna his wife, to John Hauteyn and Isabella his wife of a lease of a messuage in the parish of St. Michael de Wodestrate (formerly demised to the said Robert and Johanna by Margery de Somery, widow of Walter de Frowyk, saving to herself her "chamber," viz., a solar and cellar in the south part of the messuage, with right of way to a privy (*cloacam*) near the kitchen), for the residue of a term of fifteen years. Witnesses, John de Wenegrave, the Mayor, John Priour and William Fournays, Sheriffs, William de Hedersete, Matthew de Essex, Richard de Meldebourne, William de Aldenham, Elyas de Suffolk, William le Chaundeler, John Scharp, Henry Langar, John de Hadham, Walter de Brughton, William de Alegate, John the clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday after Ash Wednesday [8 March], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317-18].

Fo. lxviii b.

Scriptum Joh'is Hauteyn.

3 April, 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], auditors of the account of Anketin de Gisorz and Henry de Gloucestre, Wardens of London Bridge, elected by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, viz., Hamo de Chiggewelle and Hamo Godchep, Aldermen, Ralph le Balauncer, Thomas Prentiz, and John de Preston, of the Commonalty, &c.

Auditor' comp' custodum pont'.

7 April, came Johanna, widow of Ralph de Watford, and Peter de "Atfeld" and William de Braghinge, executors of the

Fo. lxx [*sic*].
(lxix?)

*Traa tio cart
Andr' de
Rothewelle ad
custod' in
Cam'.*

said Ralph, before John de Wengrave, the Mayor, and delivered up a certain box sealed under the seals of Andrew de Rothewelle, broker, and of the aforesaid Peter de "Hatfeld," containing certain deeds of a conveyance by Ralph de Londenstone, baker, to the aforesaid Andrew and Alditha, daughter of the said Ralph, of a certain tenement in tail, the said box to be kept in trust for Thomas, the son of the said Andrew and Alditha.

*De porta de
Bisshopesgate.*

6 April, 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], grant by John de Wengrave, the Mayor, Stephen de Abyndone, John de Gisors, Anketyne de Gisors, Nicholas de Farendone, Henry de Gloucestre, John de Lincoln, Richard de Wirhale, and Elyas de Suffolk, Aldermen, to John le Long the Easterling (*estrensi*), of the upper part of the gate of Bisshopesgate (*portam de Bisshopesgate superius*), together with a certain turret on the east side of the said gate, &c., for life, subject, however, to the condition that in times of disturbance the Almaines of the Hanse (*Alemanni de Hansa*) shall safeguard the upper part of the gate (*habeant custodiam dicte porte superius*), according to the terms of the composition made thereon with the Mayor and Commonalty.¹

Afterwards, viz., on Monday the eve of Christmas, 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], the said John le Long came before Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, and Roger le Paumer, Alderman, and renounced to the said Mayor and Commonalty all his right in the custody of the said gate, and granted a general release to Conrad de Broke and all his fellows of the Hanse of Almaine.

[Fos. lxxix b, lxxx blank.]

Fos. lxx b-
lxxii.

*Allowance of the franchise of the town of Ipswich and
transcript of the charter of its franchises.*

Be it remembered that on Wednesday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], there came one John de Whatefelde, a burgess of Ipswich, and

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 127. The "composition" to the above effect was made in 1282. See 'Liber Albus,' i. 485-8; 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 41. The protection of the middle portion

of the gate appears to have been entrusted to the Danish inhabitants of the City. See 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 228.

the rest of the burgesses of the said town, before John de Wengrave, Mayor of London, and the rest of the Aldermen, and complained that John Priour and William de Fournes, Sheriffs of London, frequently distrained the burgesses of the said town, contrary to the franchises granted to them by the lord the King and his progenitors and contrary to its charter. Thereupon, the charter having been read in the terms as set out, the said Mayor and Aldermen allowed all the franchises here underwritten, and agreed to allow them in future. Precept was accordingly sent to the Sheriffs to deliver up the distresses so taken to the petitioners and not to distrain upon them in future.

[Here follows a transcript of the *Inspeximus* charter of the town of Ipswich, dated at Westminster, 30 May, 10 Edward II. (A.D. 1317). It inspects and confirms the following charters, viz.: (1) charter dated *apud Rupem Aurivall*,¹ 25 May, 1 John (A.D. 1200);² (2) charter dated at Westminster, 15 April, 40 Henry III. (A.D. 1256); (3) charter of restitution of liberties, dated at Berwick, 23 June, 19 Edward I. (A.D. 1291).³]

Deed of release by William de Lothebyri, tailor, to Walter Bullok, vintner, of a chamber, a garner (*gerner*), and dispensary (*despense*) within the house of the said Walter, situate in the parish of All Hallows the Great in *la Corderie*, for the term of his life, the said Walter paying an annual rent of 20s. charged on a tenement in the same parish formerly belonging to Roger de Rokesleye. Dated 13 May, 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318]. Witnesses, Stephen de Prestone, John de Prestone, John Vivian, Thomas de Spaigne, John Dode, the Chamberlain, John de Stayntone, clerk, and others [not named].

Fo. lxxii b.

Lease by John Sturmy de Dromundby, co. York, to Hamo Godchep, mercer, of a piece of ground in the great seld of Rohesia de Coventre⁴ in Westchepe, which ground lately belonged to John de Middelburgh,⁵ mercer, to hold the same for a term of eight years from Christmas, anno 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317],

Fo. lxxiii.

¹ Roche-Orival (Normandy).

² Printed in Gross, 'The Gild Merchant,' ii. 115.

³ For the terms of these charters, see Clarke's 'History and Description

of the Town and Borough of Ipswich,' pp. 9-13.

⁴ See 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 87n.

⁵ See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 274.

at an annual rent of 20s. Witnesses, Richard Butt, William de Caustone, Hugh de Gartone, Walter de Cavendisshe, Richard Pymme, and others [not named]. Dated 29 May [A.D. 1318].

Acquittance by John "Spurny" de Dromundeby to the above Hamo Godchep for the whole of the rent payable for the above plot in the seld. Dated Friday after the Feast of St. Vincent [22 Jan.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20].¹

Fo. lxxiii b Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to make inquiry as to the seizure of a ship called "la Plente de Lenne,"² belonging to Adam le Clerk de Lenne, and laden with salt of "Peytou,"³ lampreys of Nauntes, and bales of budge⁴ (*bugei*), &c., on its way from parts of "Peytou" to the town of "St. John Perth," in Scotland, by Henry de Riklinghous and other evil-doers of the towns of Grippeswold, Lubyk, and Strellessund,⁵ and to report whether compensation had been made. Dated at Westminster, 17 May, 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

Fo. lxxiv. Inquisition accordingly held by order of John de Wengrave, the Mayor, on the oath of William de Leyton, William de Durem, Adam Honteman, John Cosyn, Henry atte Huthe, William Jetour, Walter de Donewych, John de Bradefelde, Roger Accatour, John called "le litle," William de Pykeworth, Thomas de Kemle, Thomas de Notfeld, John de Berlingham, Walter le Hurer, and Stephen atte Gate, who found that the above ship had been forcibly seized off the coast between Yarmouth and Blakeneye and carried to Strellessund, and that the King's letters addressed to the echevins and good men of the towns of Grippeswold, Lubyk, and Strellessund, demanding restitution, had been treated with contempt and left unopened. Given under the seals of the jurors at the Guildhall of London, 27 May, 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].⁶

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 134.

² Lynn, co. Norf.

³ Poitou.

⁴ Lambskin with the fur dressed outwards. The trade of preparing this fur gave its name to "Budge Row"—"a street so called of the

Budge furre and of skinnors dwelling there" (Stow).

⁵ Stralsund, on the Baltic.

⁶ Writ and return printed by Delpit, 'Collection Générale des Documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre,' pp. 51-3.

Acquittance by Richard Dyer, executor of the will of Master William de Riveres, clerk, and his co-executors to Robert de Piphurst, goldsmith, for all property belonging to the said Master William. Given under the seal of the Dean of the church of St. Mary "de Arcubus" III. Id. June [11 June], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

Fo. lxxiv b.

*Acquietanc'
Rob't de Pipe-
herst per exe-
cutor' mag'r'i
Will'i de
Riveres.*

Edward, by the grace of God, &c., to the Mayor and Sheriffs of London, both present and future. We have understood that certain cappers of the City fraudulently make from day to day, and expose for sale in the City, divers caps of flocks, and wool and flocks mixed, and of other wool not suitable for caps, and that they redye old and used caps and sell them as new; and whereas many merchant strangers bring caps deceitfully made elsewhere into the City, to the deceit of the people and their manifest loss, and whereas merchants, freemen as well as strangers, are becoming more bold in making such caps and bringing them into the City for sale, for the reason that hitherto no adequate punishment has been imposed:—We, being desirous of putting an end to such deceits by every possible means, command you to cause proclamation to be made in the City that no cappers or others presume to make false caps of flocks, and of flocks and wool mixed, and of wool not suitable for caps, under penalty of their being burnt, and that if any such be found in your bailiwick ye proceed to burn them, and that ye make search and examination for such caps as often as it may be expedient, or cause others who are experts to do so on your behalf. Witness ourself at Westminster, 15 March, 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317–18].¹

*Breve de pro-
clamacione fa-
cienda de falsis
capell'.*

Writ to Richard de Clare, the King's escheator. William de Waltham, a citizen of London, had petitioned the King and his Council in the Parliament then sitting at York, to the effect that whereas John de Export, late citizen of London, had devised certain tenements for the purpose of a chantry in the church of St. Mary de Aldemariecherche, the executors of the

Fo. lxxv.

De escaetor'.

¹ Similar provisions for regulating the manufacture of caps were issued in the Parliament held at York, 6 Sept.,

12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318]. See 'Liber Cust.,' i. 429. Cf. ordinances of 1311; 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 271.

said John, viz., John Paas and Silvester le Cordewaner, had failed to prove the will in the Guildhall, according to the custom of the City, and had appropriated the property. The escheator is bidden to make inquiry as to all particulars of the property by oath of good men of his bailiwick, in order that in whosoever's hands it may be found it may be devoted to the foundation of the chantry prescribed by the testator. Witness the King at York, 12 June, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

The above writ forwarded by the escheator to the Sheriffs of London with a request that they would summon eighteen good men of the Ward of Cordwanerstrete to appear before him in the church of St. Mary de Aldemariecherche on Sunday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], to make an inquiry on oath as to the premises. Dated at London, 23 July, 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Return'.

Return: The liberty of the City of London, according to the ancient custom of the said City, does not permit of the escheator exercising his office within the liberty of the said City in the matter of the writ.¹ We are therefore unable to do anything in execution thereof.

The above return was made with the consent of the Mayor and Aldermen, who agreed in their name and that of the Commonalty to save harmless John Poyntel and John de Dallynge, the Sheriffs, in respect of the return aforesaid.

Fo. lxxv b.

Whereas Robert Osekyn, carpenter, devised his mansion house, &c., in the parish of Little St. Bartholomew to Robert his son, by will enrolled in the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 5 Edward II. [A.D. 1311],² to hold the same in tail, with remainder to John, Roger, and Simon his other sons in equal portions; and whereas the said testator appointed Johanna his wife guardian of his children, and the said Johanna had since

¹ Subsequently, viz., by charter dated 6 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326-7], the duties of the escheator in the City were formally conferred upon the Mayor for the time being,

to the exclusion of any other escheator. Bohun, 'Privilegia Londini' (1723), p. 13.

² *Vide supra*, p. 81, note.

died, whereby the guardianship of the said children had devolved upon the Mayor and Aldermen by the custom of the City; thereupon came John "Deveri," the King's clerk, and said that the aforesaid Robert, son of Robert, had in his lifetime leased to him his father's mansion house for a term of seven years from Michaelmas, 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], and prayed the Court that he might be reimbursed the money he had expended on repairs. The Mayor and Aldermen consult the will and find that the tenement was to be divided among the surviving children. They also view the tenement, which they find would lose in value if divided, as it was a mansion for a man to occupy with his family.¹ And forasmuch as the children were still under age and unable to give their consent to a partition, it was agreed by the Mayor and Aldermen that the said John should continue as tenant, paying to the said children the true value of the premises according to an extent to be made of the same.

Particulars of an extent of the premises made before the Mayor, Aldermen, and John Dode, the Chamberlain, by oath of John Poyntel, Richard le Barber, Thomas le Northerne, Roger Horold, William de Wynchelse, Walter atte Holte, Anketin de Kateloyne, John le Hore, William de Manhale, John de Wymondeswolde, John de Bery.

Fo. lxxvi.

Be it known that the above Robert, son of Robert [Osekyn], died about the Feast of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], the year aforesaid [A.D. 1317-18], and the aforesaid John "Devery" began to be tenant by demise of the Mayor and Aldermen at Easter, anno 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

Afterwards, viz., on 12 July, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], came Thomas Wastel, "buscher," and Walter Overee, "fener," and mainprised the said John touching the payment of rent, &c.

Inquisition taken before John Dode, the Chamberlain, on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], by the oath of the aforesaid jurors, as to the value of the mansion house of the aforesaid Robert Osekyn.

Wednesday after the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt.

Fo. lxxvi b.

¹ *Unicum mansum pro aliquo in eodem cum familia sua inhabitando.*

*De custodia
Thom' fil'
Joh'is clerici
zeynturer.*

[24 June], 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], came John de Den, "chaundeler," and Margery "la Joven" his wife, relict and executrix of John the Clerk, "ceynturer," before J[ohn] de Wengrave, the Mayor, and found surety for dealing beneficially (*ad appruandum*) with the money left to Thomas, son of the said John the Clerk, during minority, viz., Henry Nasard, draper.

The same day came Adam de Eystone, another executor of the above John the Clerk, and found similar surety, viz., Richard le Mitere, Richard de Creplegate, and William de Wroteham.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday before the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19], came Richard de Kent, "cordewaner," uncle and guardian of the above Thomas, and asked the Mayor and Aldermen to consider the amount to be expended on the maintenance of his ward. Thereupon it was ordered that the said John de Den and Adam de Eystone should pay the said Richard 6*d.* a week for maintenance and half a mark yearly.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday before the Feast of Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], came the above Richard de Kent and received the wardship of the above Thomas from N[icholas] de Farndone, the Mayor, and Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain. Sureties, viz., Nicholas de Roodynge, "cordewaner," of Candelwikstrete, and Robert le Yonge, "bureller."

*Custodia Is'
fil' Alani le
Bakere.*

12 July, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], came Simon le Foundour and Walter le Marchal, executors of Alan de Bedeford, baker, before John Dode, the Chamberlain, and paid to Simon de Acon' and Cristiana his wife the sum of 100*s.* in trust for Isabella, daughter of the said Alan.

Fo. lxxvii.

Pleas before the lord the King at Westminster, Trinity Term, anno 11 Edward II., Roll xxix.:—Richard, son of Walter Gubbe, attached to answer a charge of having forcibly seized Ralph Gubbe in Bridge Ward on Sunday before *Carniprimum*, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], and kept him in prison for six weeks. The said Richard appears in person and defends. Thereupon

came William de Burgh, the attorney of the Mayor and Commonalty, and demanded the franchise thereon. Being asked when and where the franchise had been allowed in such a case, he referred to the cases of *Thomas le Long v. John de Lincoln*, in Hillary Term, 9 Edward II., and *Edmund Darel v. William de Toppfeld*, in Michaelmas Term, 10 Edward II. The franchise allowed. Thereupon the said attorney named a day at the Guildhall.

In the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday after the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319], in the presence of Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Richard de Gloucestre, Elias de Suffolk, Anketin Gisorz, Hugh de Gartone, Richard Costantyn, John Cotun, and Robert Sely, Aldermen, and Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, Sheriffs, the guardianship of John, son of Walter le Freynshe, together with a certain tenement in "la Riole" in the parish of St. Michael de Paternostercherche, was given to William Pigeon, "pessonier," by mainprise of Hamo le Barbier and Henry Prodhome.

Monday before the Feast of Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], Richard de Walyngford committed to prison for hindering the King's business touching the providing foot-soldiers for Scotland, &c.

Friday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], came William de Dorkyngge and Agnes his wife, widow of Henry de Merlawe, before John de Wenegrave, the Mayor, and received the guardianship of Walter and William, sons of Henry de Merlawe, and of Alice, daughter of the same. Sureties, viz., Richard de Dorkyngge and John de Stansted, "pessonier."

Afterwards, viz., on 17 March, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2], the above Walter came before Hamo de Chigewell and the Aldermen and claimed his property, being of full age, and it was given to him. Thereupon he appeared before Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, R[obert] de Swalclyve, Reginald de Conduit, and Roger le Paumer, Aldermen, and acknowledged that he had received from William de Dorkyng the sum of 100s.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330], came the above Alice before Simon de Swanlond, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, Benedict de Folsham, Anketin de Gisors, and Henry de Seche-ford, Aldermen, and the Chamberlain, and being proved to be of full age received her property.

Fo. lxxvii b.

*L'ra d'ni Reg'
sub privato
sigillo ad in-
quirend' de
ten' que fue-
runt Wil'ri ae
Somerfelde Cis-
soris Regine.*

Writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor and Sheriffs for an inquiry to be made as to the property formerly held by William de Somerfeld, late tailor to the Queen Mother, in Colmanstrete, of the gift of the late King. Dated at Westminster, 9 June, 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

Pursuant to the above writ, inquiry made by John de Wengrave, the Mayor, and John Priour and William de Fournays, the Sheriffs. The jurors—viz., Adam atte Chirche, Richard Trugge, Robert de Hadham, Walter Sprot, Adam de Mondene, Walter Gratefige, John Gentil, Simon Fraunk, Cristian le Girdelere, Robert le Naylere, John le Kyng, and Thomas de Wykham—make return to the effect that the above William had no tenement in Colmanstret of the gift of the King's father, but that two messuages and eight shops which became escheated to the King's father on the expulsion of the Jews¹ were given by him to Queen Eleanor, who in turn bestowed them on the said William de Somerfeld, her tailor; that, further, the said William gave the said tenements to Geoffrey Morri and Agnes his wife, and that the said Agnes, after the death of her husband, gave them to Thomas, William, Adam, and Roger, her sons by the said Geoffrey.

*Responsio Pre-
bredicte.*

Fo. lxxviii.

A general acquittance by John de Wengrave, the Mayor, and the whole Commonalty of the City, to Luke de Haverynge, the late Chamberlain, on his account rendered. Dated 12 Sept., 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

For the above acquittance the said Luke gave to the Commonalty 100s., for which John Dode, the Chamberlain, will answer.

¹ Expelled from England by order of Edward I. in 1290.

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City that they provide 500 foot-soldiers armed with "aketons," "habergets," "bacinets," and gauntlets (*cirotecis ferreis*), to serve the King in Scotland for forty days. Witness the King at Notyngham, 12 Aug., 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

Fo. lxxviii b.

Another writ to the same, enforcing obedience to the former writ. Dated at Notyngham, 16 Aug., 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

Pursuant to the above writs, John de Wengrave, the Mayor, caused the Aldermen and Commonalty to appear before him to consider the matter; and upon consideration the said Mayor and citizens agreed to provide 200 armed foot-soldiers to assist the King in the war at the expense of the Commonalty. And be it known that the said soldiers were obtained in the following manner, viz., by every citizen of the more powerful and better class finding one armed soldier.

Fos. lxxix-
lxxx b.

Names of centurions { Manekyn le Heaumer,
Roger atte Water.

Names of those finding soldiers.

Robert de Wursted, John Belamy, John de Prestone, Stephen de Prestone, William de Bristoll, Richard de Hakeneye, John le Longge, Alan Gille, John de Romeyne, Robert de Hakenaye, Wymund Brother, John Lambyn, John Elys, Richard Horn, William de Bray, William de Hokeley, Burnet de Luka, Roger le Palmere, junior, Robert Chauntcler, John Lucas, John de Gisors, John de Boreford, Robert le Callere, Richard de Dorkyngge, Geoffrey Beauflour, Elias Petri, Stephen de Berkot, Thomas le Corder, Walter Neel, Adam Snow, Robert Heyn, Reginald le Corder, Reginald le Pipere, Robert Wodekok, Roger atte Viegne, Richard de Betoigne, Richard Swote, Richard Osard, Stephen de Cray, Thomas de Holdene, Richard Ascelyn, Wynfr[ed] le Cornmonggere, Ralph de Blida, John Castellakre, Richard de Renham, William Edmund, Richard de Sordwyche, Henry le Palmere, John de Lincoln, Hamo le Barber, Thomas Prentiz, John de Wymondham, Alan de Routhberi, John Bronde, John Cotoun, Hugh de Gartone, Geoffrey de Brandone, John atte Chaumbre, Henry de Gloucestre, William de

Bidik, Adam de Salesburi, Roger de Paris, Henry de Secheford, John Pikeman, Nicholas de Jernemue, Richard Costantine, William le Taverner, chaucer, John de Grantham, spicer, Robert de Borham, Henry Lambyn, John Nunnys, John de Someresham, Thomas de Wynton', Thomas de Wynton' [*sic*], William Walrham, Roger de Bernes, Richard atte Holmes, John de Mockingge, John Saleman, John de Oxon', Philip Lucas, Martin Squirel, Walter de Mordone, Robert Swote, Robert Youn, Nicholas de Donstaple, Thomas Horewold, John atte Crouche, Walter le Mouner, Richard de Aynsty, Roger Sterre, John de Warlee, Henry de "Buri," Adam de Bury, William atte Raume, John de Ipswich, William de Leire, Elias de Southfolk, William de Caustone, William de Ederset, William le Hauberger, Simon de Merword, John de Lindesheye, Nicholas Krane, Simon Corpe, John Potyn, William de Bodelee, Robert de Celeseye, Richard Daske, Walter Pappeword, Robert de Derteford, John Pointel, John de Caustone, John Aylesham, John de Dallingge, Roger Housebonde, Hamo de Chiggewelle, Robert de Eli and his partner, John de Burtone, John Vivian, Roger de Eli, William Flori, William Brodhomme, William Lambyn, Henry de Gartone, Adam Luddekyn and his partner, Nicholas de Farndone, Simon de Hakenay, Stephen de Honilane, Alan de Chikwelle, Thomas Cok, Adam de St. Alban, Reginald de Conduit, Henry Nasard, James le Palmere, Henry Nasard [*sic*], Simon de Paris, Simon de Swanlonde, Thomas Kok, John de Paris, Hamo Godchepe, Elias le Callere, Simon de Swanlond [*sic*], Robert Pipehurst, "Chimellus" Lombard, William Haunsard, William de Messingham, John de Colecestre, Alexander Pyk, John de Warefeld, Peter de Hattefeld, Robert Austin, William atte Rothe, Edmund le Brewere, William Cury, Robert de Brekhull, Ralph le Balauncer, William Latoner, Simon le Barbour, John Neel, Ralph de Bartone, John de Hellebek, Thomas le Glover, Nicholas Maciot, John de Kesteven.

Names of armed foot soldiers.

Adam de Wygan, *vintenarius*,¹ John Martin, Hugh le Clerk,

¹ A captain over twenty men.

John le Keu, Nicholas Stoyl, John le Brett, John Beauflour, Thomas de Pykeringge, Robert de Chestrefelde, Geoffrey de Swofham, John de Chertseye, William de Canefeld, Stephen le Flechere, Thomas Horn, Peter Busshe, Adam de Depingge, Thomas de Ledred, Walter de Chertseye, John de Bulmere, Hugh Saumon:—Robert le Latthere, *vintenarius*, William le Longge, John Burrelman, Walter de Cheswyk, Richard de Ledred, Bartholomew de Guidelford, Simon de Cauntebrugge, Alan Godhew, William de Wyngham, Henry de Huthe, John Briggedene, Richard de Westminstre, Robert Turpin, Roger de Watelee, John Waps, Adam Broun, Walter Briggewauter, Richard Tournour, Nicholas Stele:—Stephen de Aldeham, *vintenarius*, John Cok, Clement de Balsham, Nicholas le Palmere, James de Beauchampe, John atte Hurst, John de Ringwode, Geoffrey de Blithe, John Maidenstone, Adam de Colcestre, Walter de Herword, Ralph Berde, John de Derlingtone, John de Covintre, Richard de Rogate, Walter de Grendone, William atte Neucastell, Walter Bournere, William Marmyoun, William de Refby:—Walter Lucas, *vintenarius*, Richard Gerlette, John Haubyn, John de Wytham, John de Kent, John de Kent [*sic*], Richard de Donecastre, Adam de Messingburi, Henry Bacheler, John de Donstow, William de Aylesbury, John de Karletone, Nicholas de Oxonford, John de Wy, Edmund de Somersete, Walter le Tilere, William Hunter, Henry de Excelsham, Robert Poinfer, John Froille:—William de Caunterbury, *vintenarius*, Robert de la Marche, Robert de Buri, Richard Alisaundre, Thomas de Redingge, Adam de Chauntone, William de Evere, Henry le Carpenter, James de Plomstede, Nicholas de Migham, Robert Stori, Stephen de Dortford, Simon de Haveringge, Robert le Boriere, John de Poumfreit, Walter de Baptone, Richard de Glastenburi, Simon de Wateford, Simon Kempe, William de Wihtham:—Stephen de Ellesfeld, *vintenarius*, Richard de Bolington, John Gille, John Cherman, Gilbert Buntingge, Thomas de Rogate, Henry Bokelere, Geoffrey de Rislep, Thomas de Redingge, Thomas le Walshe, John le Mareschal, Roger de Helperby, Richard de Barneby, Richard de Wytintone, Gilbert de Barow,

John de Bristoll, Richard de Durem, William le Bret, John le Keu de Bredestret, Henry de Thorpe:—Robert Skreneadius, *vintenarius*, Thomas de Cinggestone, Henry de Derby, Peter Stedman, John de Bury, Richard de Baldok, John Swan, John de Meldebourne, William Galopin, William de Brittesmere, Thomas le Porter, William Nagrave (?), Nicholas Trelbynge, Roger “bon valet,” Robert “of ye Rook,” Maurice Frebarne, William Shepdene, Roger de Hereford, William de Lenham, John de Witefeld:—John de Cornwalle, *vintenarius*, Geoffrey de Notingham, John de Stokbrigge, Richard Tailleboys, Richard de Burtone, John de Waltham, John del Welde, Richard de Coventre, John le Archer:—Michael de Essex, *vintenarius*, John de Notingham, John de Okenore, Henry le Husscher, John de Stafford, John de Greyleye, John le Cherman, Robert de Hollebourne, William de Kenelworth, Jhosep de Lumbardstret, William de Dove, Adam de Chelmesword, Simon le Brewere, Robert le Longge, Simon de Kendale, John Ballard, John de Lymestret, Robert de Boteley, Richard de Wynchelse, Philip de la Marche:—Simon “de la haye,” *vintenarius*, “Charles” de Nortfolk, Thomas atte Castell, Richard atte Castell, John de Mallyngge, Elias de Thorpe, Richard de Norhamptone, Stephen de Lodelow, Hugh de Inggeby, Simon de Wenelesword, Simon le Bowyere, William atte Bowe, John le Walsse, Robert de Krikkelad, Robert de Coventre, William Gringgeleys, Adam Brette, Richard Macoun, William de Evesham, Walter de Sandwiz.

Fo. lxxxii.

Temp. Thomas Prentiz, Chamberlain, anno 12 Edward II.

Lease by Hugh de Waltham, clerk, to Stephen atte Stouples, fishmonger, of a bakehouse, &c., situate opposite the pillory on Cornhulle, for a term of six years from Michaelmas, A.D. 1318, at an annual rent of 60s. The lessee covenants not to obstruct the light of the windows of the cellar occupied by Thomas le Coteler. Dated 24 Sept., 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].¹

Gives nothing, because [the above Hugh de Waltham] is the Common Clerk,² &c.

¹ Printed in ‘Memorials,’ p. 129. |

² Otherwise Town Clerk.

Wednesday after the Feast of the Conception B. M. [8 Dec.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], came John Poyntel, Sheriff of London, William Walram, William de Stanes, William de Redyng, Hugh de Asschingburne, Robert de Norhamptone, Hugh de Wyllecestre, Walter le Four, Elyas de Thorpe, and others [not named] before John de Wenegrave, the Mayor, John de Gysors, Robert de Keleseye, John de Lincoln, Anketin de Gysors, and John de la Chaumbre, Aldermen, and presented Ferand, son of Domyngoun "de Bytoria,"¹ for the office of broker of cordwain, "bazeyne,"² and peltry, and of all other merchandise coming from Spain, and he was admitted and sworn.

*Admissio
Ferandi fil'
Domingoun
abbokatoris,
etc.*

Lease by Stephen de Averde to Simon le Heaumer and Matilda his wife of a tenement in the parish of St. Bride in Fletestrete, near Flete bridge, for a term of sixteen years from Michaelmas, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], the lessee paying (*inter alia*) an annual rent of 4s. to the chief lords of the New Temple.³ Witnesses, John de Parys, William de Topesfeld, Ralph le Coteler, Robert de Flete, Roger Chauntecler, Hugh le Armurer, Henry Bonmarch, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Friday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

Fo. lxxxii b.

*Scriptum
Simonis le
Heaumer.*

ijs. vjd.

Grant by Stephen le Brewere and Agnes called "le longe," his wife, relict of John le Longe, to William de Wautham of a certain shop, and parcel of a tenement in the parish of St. Alphege within Crepelgate, which the said Agnes acquired by right of dower; to hold the same for the lifetime of the said Agnes. Witnesses, John de Wengrave, the Mayor, John Poyntel and John de Dallyng, the Sheriffs, Elias de Suffolk, Alderman of the Ward,⁴ William de Aldenham, Robert Burdeyn, John Thurgod, William de Horsham, Simon de Mundene,

*Scriptum
Wil'i de
Wautham.*

ijs. vjd.

¹ Cf. Lupus de "Bytoyre" or "Bytore." 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' pp. 16, 17.

² Basil or bazen, inferior leather made of sheepskin.

³ At this time Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, appears to have held the

manor of the New Temple in fee. *Vide infra*, fo. clxxxviii.

⁴ Cripple-gate or (as it was occasionally called) "Wodestrete" Ward. See 'The Aldermen of Cripple-gate,' by J. J. Baddeley, Deputy (privately printed, 1900), p. 13.

Thomas atte Brome, Ralph the Beadle, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

Fo. lxxxiii.

*Scriptum
Sewalli de
Springfeld.*

Lease by Richard de Haverynge and Johanna his wife to Sewal de Springfield and Alice his wife of a tenement in the parish of St. Laurence in Old Jewry, near the tenements of Stephen "Ashwy" and Robert de Bury, for a term of seven years, charged with certain payments for the maintenance of a chantry for the soul of Stephen "Aiswy," also to Robert de Keleseye and the Prior and Convent of Holy Trinity, London. Witnesses, John de Wengrave, the Mayor, John de Dallyngge and John Poyntel, the Sheriffs, Ralph de Braghynge, Walter de Cavendish, John Potyn, Roger the Clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

ijs. vjd.

Fo. lxxxiii b.

Inspeximus charter of Edward II. confirming the liberties granted to the burgesses of Douay by charter dated 24 Nov., 45 Henry III. [A.D. 1260].¹ Witnesses, W[alter Reynolds], Archbishop of Canterbury, Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke, Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Hereford and Essex, Hugh le Despenser, senior, Bartholomew de Badelesmere, William de Montagu, Steward of the King's household, and others [not named]. Dated at Westminster, 8 Nov., 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

*L'ra acquiet-
ancie sub
nomine Will'i
de Furneys
nup' vic'
Lond', etc.*

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Edward, K. [13 Oct.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], in the presence of John de Gysors, William de Leyre, Robert de Keleseye, and Henry de Gloucestre, Aldermen, a certain letter of acquittance in the name of William de Furneys, late Sheriff, for the sum of £76 13s. 4d., whereof the said William immediately paid to John Dode the sum of £20 (was acknowledged?). And the said letter remains in the custody of Sir John de Gysors until the remainder shall have been paid.

Fo. lxxxiv.

The King's letter of privy seal to the Mayor, Aldermen, and

¹ Marginal note: *M^d quod carta
Regis H. pro Burgensibus de Duaco
irrotulatur in nigro libro signato cum*

litera B. See 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' pp. 233-4, where a cross-reference is made to this record in Letter-Book E.

good men of the City, thanking them for the military aid sent towards Scotland under Roger de la Water and Manekyn le Heaumer, and commending the behaviour of officers and men. Dated at York, 24 Nov., 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

Reply to the above, notifying the King that the military force had arrived in London on 12 December last in good case, accompanied by William de Kyngestone, the King's Clerk, and acknowledging they had been well paid by the said Clerk from the time they left York. Dated 9 Dec. [*sic*].¹

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday the eve of St. Thomas, Ap. [21 Dec.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], John de Cherlton brought the King's letters patent to the effect that the City's having borne the expense of the military aid dispatched to Scotland should not be drawn into a precedent (*in consequenciam*). Dated at York, 28 Nov., 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].²

The above letters patent were delivered to Thomas Prentiz.

Writ to the Chancellor, Treasurer, and Barons of the Exchequer to inquire into the claim made by the citizens of London that no citizen other than the King's moneyers and officers be impleaded without the City's walls save in pleas touching foreign tenures,³ a claim which the Stewards and Marshals of the King's Household had, as the citizens complain, frequently ignored, but which John de Cherleton and Roger le Palmere had been unable to substantiate by the production of charters on the City's behalf when the matter was recently before the Parliament then sitting.⁴ Witness the King at York, 20 Nov., 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Andrew, Ap. [30 Nov.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], the guardianship of Osbert and

*Manucapcio
Joh' de Honi-
lane pro
[puer]is
Joh' Laurenz.*

¹ The King's letter and reply set out in 'Memorials' (p. 128), where the editor suggests that the date, viz., 9 Dec., must be an error for the 19th.

² Cf. letters patent dated 12 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

³ See charter of Henry II. (no date) and charter dated 26 March, 52 Henry III. [A.D. 1268]. Cf.

writ dated 2 July, 30 Edward I. [A.D. 1302]. 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' pp. 109, 110.

⁴ Sat at York for nine weeks from Michaelmas. Having been summoned on the 25th August, it rose on the 9th Dec. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.' (Rolls Series), i. 284. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 343 n.

Johanna, children of John Laurence, entrusted to John de Honylane, "pelter," and Amicia his wife, mother of the afore-said children, by John de Wengrave, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, John de Gisorz, R[obert] de Keleseye, W[illiam] de Leire, R[ichard] de Gloucestre, Anketin Gisorz, S[imon] Corp, and Roger de Parys, Aldermen. Sureties, viz., Salomon le Coffrer and Hugh Madefrey. And be it known that the said John de Honylane and Amicia received the sum of £33 10s. out of £40, the property of the infants, the residue remaining in the custody of Richard de Hoddesdone, Robert atte Folde, and Robert le Hore, executors of the said John Laurence.

*Manuapcio
exec test i Johi-
nis Dode nuper
Camerar.*

Friday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318], came Geoffrey de Caumpes and John de Dallyngge, junior, before John de Wengrave, the Mayor, William de Leyre, Robert de Keleseye, John de Lincoln, John de la Chaumbre, Simon de Abyndone, Roger de Parys, Elyas de Suffolk, and Simon de Corp, Aldermen, and mainprised the executors of John Dode, late Chamberlain, for rendering his account and payment of arrears, if any, &c.

FO. lxxxv.

Acquittance under the seal of the Commonalty by John de Wengrave, the Mayor, and the Aldermen of the City, for a sum of £20 received from John de Dallyngge, one of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, out of the ferm and issues of the said City and county, in part payment of the sum of £1,000 lent to the King in the tenth year of his reign. Dated 18 Dec., 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

A similar acquittance of even date, to John Poyntel.

And note that the money was delivered to Thomas Prentiz, the Chamberlain.

*Script Johi is
de "Lane-
coumbe."*

ijjs. vjd.

Bond entered into by Roger le Barbier, serjeant of John de Dallyngge, Sheriff of London, and Margaret his wife, in the sum of £100 in favour of John de "Langecoumbe," Rector of the church of "Laumazheys."¹ Dated Wednesday the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19].

*Script Wal'i
Pecok.*

Grant by Roger de Rameseye and Matilda his wife, daughter of Walter de Kyngestone, late poulterer, to Walter Pecok of

¹ Lammas, co. Norfolk?

certain rents issuing from a tenement which once belonged to Falk le Taverner, in the parish of All Hallows de Bredstrete, situate near the tenements of William Howe, William de Beverley, William de St. Martin, and Robert de Burewell; to hold the same for a term of six years. Witnesses, Matthew de Wodeham, William atte Rothe, Adam de Ely, Adam le Sakkere, Thomas le Barber, Ralph de Bredstrate, tailor, Robert de Gloucestre, John de Fyncham, Laurence Schail, Roger Lovekeyn, Henry Bonmarch, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318].

ijs. vjd.

Settlement of a dispute between John de Assheby, son of Hugh Mulgar, and Sir William [le Marshall], the parson of the church of St. Mary Wolnoth, as to a claim made by the said Sir William, as pittancer (*pittanciarius*¹) of the community of parish chaplains in the City, to a rent-charge of 20s. on a tenement of the said John in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen de Melkstrete under a grant formerly made by Isabella Bukerel, executrix of Roger Fitz Roger. The agreement sealed with the seal of both parties and also the seals of Sir Nicholas, Rector of the church of St. Benedict de Garscherche, Henry, the Rector of St. Andrew upon Cornhulle,² and John de Mogwelle, Rector of the church of St. Olave in Silvernestret, at that time pittancers and proctors of the community of chaplains of the said City. Witnesses, John de Wengrave, the Mayor, John Poyntel and John de Dallynge, the Sheriffs. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. Matthias, Ap. [24 Feb.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19].

Fo. lxxxv b.

*Scriptum
Joh'is de
Assheby.*

ijs. vja.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City of London to the Masters, Echevins, and Bailiffs of the town of Malynes,³ desiring the payment of damages, costs, &c., due to James Beauflur for the unlawful seizure of goods. The goods had been surrendered, but the question of damages had not been settled, and great inconvenience had been caused to the said James and to Luke de Haverynge, his partner. Dated 4 Jan., A.D. 1318[-19].

Fo. lxxxvi.

¹ Distributor of pittances.

² Otherwise St. Andrew Undershaft.

³ Mechlin.

*Scriptum
Joh'is de Chel-
mersford.*

ijs. vjd.

Grant by William de Braybroke, fishmonger (*piscarius*), to Sir John de "Chelmeresford," clerk, of a tenement in the parish of St. Nicholas Coldabbey in Eldefishstrete, near the tenements of Roger de Bernes, William Prodomme, and the Bishop of Hereford; to hold the same for life at an annual rent of 40s. for the first twelve years, and 10 marks afterwards, if he lived so long. Witnesses, John de Wengrave, the Mayor, John de Dallyngge and John Poyntel, the Sheriffs. Dated Thursday before the Feast of St. Matthias, Ap. [24 Feb.], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19].

Fo. lxxxvi b.

*Scriptum
Joh'is de Chel-
mersford,
clerici*

ijs. vjd.

*Placitum inter
Jacobum Beau-
flur et commu-
nam de
Malyns.*

Deed of covenant by John de Chelmersford, clerk, to allow William de Camerwelle, a tenant under Peter, son of Peter de Bosenham, to hold certain houses in Candelwykstrete, in the parish of St. Mary de Bothhaghe, for a term of 6½ years, with remainder to himself. Dated 4 April, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Proceedings taken against the commune of the town of Malynes to compensate Luke de Haverynge and James Beauflur for loss of goods and damages sustained by unlawful detention. Inventory of goods belonging to the commune seized in satisfaction of claim.¹

Fo. lxxxvii.

The King's letters patent of pardon granted to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty for a trespass committed by pulling down a certain wall near the Tower, the City having paid a fine of 1,000 marks, viz., 600 marks paid into the Exchequer and the residue into the King's Chamber.² Dated at Westminster, 13 July, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1316].

Writ to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer to acquit the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the above fine. Dated at Westminster, 30 Oct., 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].

The Mayor and Aldermen render account of the above fine. And they are quit.

Fo. lxxxvii b.

*Scriptum Ric'i
de Cornubia.*

Grant by the Abbot and Convent of Sautre³ to Richard de Cornwall of rents charged on certain tenements held by John de Cauntebrigge and Alice his wife and John their son in Bredstrete, and on other tenements held by Richard de Shepstone,

¹ Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 130, 131.

² Cf. *supra*, p. 52.

³ Saltrey or Sawtre, co. Huntingdon.

Alice his wife, Eustace their son and Alice their daughter, and also by Ralph de Berkweye; to hold the said rents for a term of twenty years. Dated Monday before Easter [8 April], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319]. Witnesses, John de Wengrave, Mayor, John Poyntel and John de Dallyngge, Sheriffs, Hamo de Chigewelle, Alderman, Roger de Suthcote, Robert de Ely, Hamo le Barbier, and others [not named].

Writ to the Sheriffs for the delivery of the custody of the Queenhithe to Robert de Hemenhale. Dated at Kyrkham, 8 April, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Return:—The custody of the Queenhithe we can deliver to no one, inasmuch as the Mayor of the City for the time being and the Commonalty (*communa*) of the same hold the said hithe with all its appurtenances to themselves and their successors by grant of Sir Richard, late Earl of Cornwall, at a fee ferm, rendering therefor yearly to the said Earl, his heirs and assigns, £50, viz., one moiety at *Clausum Pasche*, and the other in the octave of St. Michael, by writing between the said Earl on the one part and the Mayor and Commonalty of the said City on the other part, made anno 30 Henry III., which grant the said lord the King confirmed by his charter for himself and his heirs anno 31.¹

Returnum.

Memorandum to the effect that the sum of 1,000 marks which the citizens of London promised to lend the King in the month of March, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19], was entrusted to William de Hakeford and John de Waldeshof to carry to the King in Scotland, and that they started on their journey in May, bearing with them the King's letters of protection as set forth, dated 21 May, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Fo. lxxxviii.

Lease by Hugh de Waltham to Walter de Bredstrete, taverner, of a cellar and solar belonging to a tavern in Bredstrete, which the said Hugh had by feoffment of Osbert de Braye; to hold the same for a term of six years from Midsummer next, at an annual rent of 4 marks. Witnesses, Gilbert de Tauntone,

¹ The grant of Queenhithe to the City by the Earl of Cornwall and the confirmation of the same by King Henry III. are set out in the 'Liber Custumarum' (Rolls Series), i. 46, 47. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 15.

John de Somersete, William Broun, William de Lincoln, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated 17 May [*sic*], the Feast of the Ascension [27 May], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Fo. lxxxviii l. Writ to the Sheriffs to cause proclamation to be made in the City that thenceforth the custom of murage should cease to be taken from merchants bringing goods to the City for sale, inasmuch as the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens had informed the King that the taking of such custom has led to merchants withdrawing themselves to other places. Witness the King at York, 8 June, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].¹

Breve Reg' pro articulis observand'. Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of London that they see that certain articles formulated by them and amended by the King be observed in the City and suburbs according to the terms of the King's letters patent.² Witness the King at York, 20 June, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Breve R' ad eligend' duos cives eund' ad parliamentum. Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to represent the City in the Parliament to be held at York one month after Easter next. Witness the King at York, 20 May³ [*sic*], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Indorsamentum brevis illius. The writ endorsed:—We send you William de Leire and William de Flete, citizens of London, chosen to appear before you on the day and at the place named in the writ, they having full and sufficient power for themselves and the Commonalty of the City aforesaid to do as is therein prescribed.

Fo. lxxxix. Letters patent or Commission (*commissio*) under the City's Common Seal, notifying the King that the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty had assigned Hugh de Waltham, William de Flete, William de Hacford, Michael Mynot, and John Waldeshesf,

Commissio civium ad parliamentum R' apud Ebor'.

¹ The original writ preserved at the Guildhall, Box 26.

² Dated at York, 8 June, anno 12 Edward II. These ordinances or "new articles" are recorded *infra*, fo. xc. Cf. 'Liber Cust.', i. 268-73. A "new charter" of the same date (*vide infra*, fos. cix-cxi b) is said to have cost the City £1,000. (Aungier, 'Fr. Chron.', p. 252.) The original

letters patent and charter are preserved at the Guildhall, Box No. 4.

³ Probably a mistake for March as given in Palgrave, 'Parl. Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 204. The Parliament was summoned on the 20th March to meet the 6th May. It sat till the 25th May. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 344, note.

or three of them, to attend the Parliament at York, and to do therein that which shall be ordained by common consent. Dated 7 May, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

- Letter from J[ohn] de Wengrave, the Mayor, and the Commonalty of the City to the King, praying that the officers of the Exchequer may allow in their next account for an advance of 1,000 marks herewith sent, or to be sent, to assist the King in his war with Scotland. Dated 21 May, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

*Litera civium
miss' ad par-
liamentum
predictum.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex that they cause two of the Bailiffs of the City, and six of the better and more powerful citizens, as well as one Bailiff from every Borough within their Bailiwick, and four of the better and more powerful burgesses, to meet the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer and others of the King's Council at Westminster on Tuesday, the eve of the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], to consider the advisability of fixing the Staple of Wool at certain places within the realm. Witness, W[alter] de Norwich at Westminster, 9 March, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19].

*Breve R^o pro
Stapula lane.*

Lease by Hugh de Waltham, Clerk of the City, to Reginald le Ropere of a brewery, &c., in the parish of St. James de Garlekheth in the Vintry, for a term of ten years from Easter, A.D. 1319, at an annual rent of £6. Richard Dask, blader, a guarantor. Dated 7 Feb., 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19].

Fo. lxxxix b.

*Scriptum
Hugonis de
Waltham.*

Letters patent confirming certain new articles submitted by the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens of London to the King. Dated at York, 8 June, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].¹

Fo. xc.
*Carta de novis
Articulis co-
ital' London'.*

Monday after the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319], the guardianship of Gilbert, son of Alan de Brauncestre, entrusted to John de Triple, together with

Fo. xc b.

¹ These new articles are set out (as already stated on the preceding page) in the 'Liber Cust.' (i. 268-73), where the editor queries the date as being possibly the 18th, and not the 8th June. The following heading also appears in the 'Liber Cust.', viz.: "Istos arti-

culos communitatis civitatis Londoniarum, cum magna instantia, perpetrarunt et obtinuerunt a Domino Rege Edwardo, filio Regis Edwardi, videlicet circa festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, anno regni prædicti Regis Edwardi xii^o finiente."

Custodia Gilberti filii Alani de Brauncestre.

an annual rent of 3*ls.* issuing from a tenement in Phelipeslane, in the parish of St. Alphege, by J[ohn] de Wengrave, the Mayor, N[icholas] de Farndone, J[ohn] de Gysorz, R[obert] de Keleseye, W[illiam] de Leyre, Hamo Godchep, Hamo de Chigewelle, John de la Chaumbre, [and] Elyas de Suffolk, Aldermen. Surety, viz., John de Cherletone.

Fo. xci.

Scriptum Prioris beate Mar' extra Bisshopesgate.

ijs. vjd.

Grant by William Everard, goldsmith, and Juliana his wife to William de Hortone, the Prior, and the Convent of the new hospital of St. Mary without Bisshopesgate,¹ of an annual quit-rent of 18*s.*, charged on a tenement in Cordwanerstrete held by the Abbess of St. Mary without Alegate,² and situate opposite the gable (*gabuli*) of the church of St. Mary le Bow, for a term of seven years. Witnesses, J[ohn] de Wengrave, the Mayor, J[ohn] Poyntel and J[ohn] de Dallynge, the Sheriffs, N[icholas] de Farndone, Simon de Parys, Walter Crepy, Th[omas] de Chygewelle, Ad[am] de Ely, William de Chalke, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated the Feast of Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Breve Reg' pro harnesiis providend' versus Scociam.

Writ of Privy Seal addressed to the Mayor, Aldermen, and the whole Commonalty of the City for furnishing armour and other military equipment to the extent of £250, and delivering the same to Augustine le Waleys; the money to be repaid out of the first levies of the twelfth recently granted by the citizens and burgesses in the Parliament at York.³ Witness, J[ohn] de Sandale], Bishop of Winchester, the King's Treasurer, at Westminster, 22 June, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Fo. xcii b.

Commissio Regis [pro] xij^a assidenda London'.

Letters patent appointing Master John de Everesdone, John Abel, Robert de Wodehous, and Augustine de Woxebrugge, three or two of them, to assess the twelfth recently granted by the Parliament at York in the City and suburbs. Dated at York, 20 July, 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

¹ Commonly called St. Mary Spittle; not to be confounded with the Hospital of St. Mary of Bethlehem.

² The Abbey of the Order of St. Clare or Minoreesses, whence the name of the street known as "the Minories."

³ In the late Parliament at York the barons and the shires had granted the King an eighteenth, whilst the towns granted a twelfth. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 344.

Grant by Richard de Wodeford, fishmonger, and Agnes his wife to William de Croydon, fishmonger, and Christina his wife of the said Agnes's life interest in a tenement in the parish of St. Botolph, near Billyngesgate, situated near the tenement of Hamo Godchep, at an annual rent of 2 marks. Witnesses, John de Wengrave, the Mayor, John de Dallynge and John Poyntel, the Sheriffs. Dated Saturday, the eve of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

*Scriptum
Will'i de
Croydone.*

ijs. vjd.

Lease by Oliver, son of John de Kent, to John de la Chaumbre, Alderman, of his dwelling-house, &c., in Redereslane¹ for a term of ten years. Witnesses, John de Warle, John Lambyn, and others [not named]. Dated at London in the house of the said John de la Chaumbre, Thursday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

*Scriptum
Joh'is de la
Chaumbre.*

*nil quia Alder-
mannus.*

14 Nov., 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319], two letters sealed with the Common Seal of the City in the presence of J[ohn] de Wengrave, the Mayor, N[icholas] de Farndone, J[ohn] Poyntel, Thomas Prentiz, the Chamberlain, Matthew de Essex, and Walter Gorst, viz.: (1) an acknowledgment that the said Mayor and Aldermen had received of John Poyntel and John de Dallynge, the Sheriffs, the sum of £9 out of the ferm and issues of the City aforesaid and the county of Middlesex, in part payment of the sum of £1,000 which the Mayor and citizens lent to the King in the tenth year of his reign, the letter being dated 18 July the year aforesaid. And be it known that the said £9 were paid as follows, viz.: to the said John Poyntel 100s., and to the said John de Dallynge £4, which sums they had advanced for the above loan of £1,000, and for which they had bills, which they now gave up, and which were placed in the small coffer with the Common Seal. (2) a bond by the Mayor, Aldermen, and citizens in favour of John de Stebenhethe, clerk, and Simon Godard, draper, dated 9 Oct., 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Fo. xcii.

¹ Or "Rethereslane"; formerly known as "Fyncheslane," and later (fifteenth century) as "Poddynglane" (Pudding Lane). See Hust. Roll 178

(11). Cf. Stow, 'Survey' (Thoms's ed.), p. 107; 'Liber Custumarum,' ii. 449.

Lease by Richard Godchep, mercer, and Margery his wife to Nicholas de Chalveye, girdler, of certain shops in the parish of St. Mary le Bow for a term of eighteen years from Easter, anno 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], at an annual rent of 68s. Witnesses, John de Wengrave, the Mayor, Ralph le Balauncer and William de Caustone, the Sheriffs, Peter Pykerel, &c. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Fo. xcii b. Lease by Walter, son of John le Mazeliner, to William Crosh, fishmonger, and Alice his wife of a brewery, &c., which the *Scriptum* said Walter had by devise of Paul le Boteler in Martelane, in *Will'i Crosh* the parish of St. Olave towards the Tower, situate near the *et Alic' ux' sue.* tenements of Nicholas Deumars and Cecilia de la Mare; to hold the same for their respective lives at an annual rent of 18s. Witnesses, John de Wengrave, the Mayor, Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, the Sheriffs, the said Simon de Abyndone being then Alderman of the Ward,¹ John Priour, and others [not named]. Dated 14 Oct., 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Fo. xciii. Lease by John Abel, Knt., to Henry de Stowe, draper, of the *Scriptum* capital tenement called "Coldherberghe,"² in the parish of *Henr' de Stowe.* All Hallows at the Hay, together with easements on the wharf of Robert, son of William de Hereford; which tenement and easements the said Robert demised to the aforesaid John and Margery his late wife, mother of the said Robert, for a term of ten years from Sunday the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], anno 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317].³ To hold the said tenement to the said Henry de Stowe for a term of eight years from Michaelmas, anno 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319], at an annual

¹ Tower Ward.

² Coldharbour, in Laurence Poulteney Hill, one of the two City residences (the other being known as the Manor of the Rose, in the same vicinity) of Sir John de Pulteney, the distinguished Alderman of Farringdon Ward. See Paper on 'Sir John de Pulteney and his Two Residences in London,' by Philip Norman, Esq., Treasurer of the Soc. of Antiq. (*Archæol.*, vol. lvii.).

³ See Hust. Roll 46 (6). This deed of grant is followed by the enrolment of mutual releases between Robert de Hereford and Sir John Abel, as well as by a quitclaim by the latter to the former of lands, &c., formerly belonging to William de Hereford in return for the grant of Coldharbour by the aforesaid Robert.

rent of 33*s.* 4*d.*, to be paid to the said Robert de Hereford. Witnesses, John de Wengrave, the Mayor, Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, the Sheriffs, Richard de Wylehale, &c. Dated Sunday after Michaelmas [29 Sept.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Deed of confirmation of the above lease by the aforesaid Robert de Hereford. Witnesses, John de Wengrave, the Mayor, Simon de Abyndon and John de Prestone, the Sheriffs, Robert de Keleseye, &c. Dated Sunday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

*Scriptum
Henrⁱ de Stowe.*

Writ to the Mayor and Aldermen that they receive the rolls of assessment made by John Abel, John de Everesdone, Robert de Wodehous, and Augustine de Woxebrigge, and duly levy, each in his Ward, the amount so assessed for the twelfth¹ granted to the King, and forward the same to the Exchequer; for which purpose the Sheriffs had received the King's orders to render assistance when called upon. Witness the King at York, 28 Oct., 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Fo. xciii b.

Temp. Hamo de Chiggewelle, Mayor, anno 13 Edward II.

Fo. xciv.

Names of those sworn to survey meat at Westchep, viz., John de Lyndeseye, Thomas Poyntel, [and] Nicholas Crane. These were sworn before Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, J[ohn] de la Chambre, Hugh de Gartone, Henry de Seccheford, and Robert Sely, Aldermen.

Names of those sworn to survey meat at Estchep, viz., Peter de Staundone, Richard le Cordewaner, "Drw" le Bocher, [and] Simon de Totenham.

Names of those sworn to survey meat at the Shambles, viz., Adam de St. Alban, William atte Ramme, Nicholas Dereman, [and] William de Dullyngham.

Names of vintners sworn before Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, [and] Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, the Sheriffs, at St. Martin in the Vintry on Wednesday the eve of All Saints' [1 Nov.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319], for making scrutiny of wines according to the custom of the City, viz.,

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 106, note 3.

Henry le Gaugeor, Robert de Lenne, Geoffrey Beauflour, Henry le Palmere, Robert le Barbier, Walter ate Conduyt, Richard le Chaucer, John de Parys, Robert de Wyght, John de Bluntesham, Michael de Sandwyz, "Perotus" de Mace, Walter Bullok.

Names of drawers (*portitorum*) elected and sworn, &c., to assist the aforesaid vintners, viz. :—

Of the company of Richard Heryng—Robert de Tauntone, Henry le Skynnere.

Of the company of Thomas Bisshop—Ralph le Brewere, Richard Bryd.

Of the company of Peter le Coupere—William Barry, Thomas Broun.

Of the company of John le Bakere—John le Brewere, John de Salop'.

Of the company of Richard le Cartere—John Abot, Reginald Blak.

Names of those sworn to survey the peltry on Cornhill, &c., viz. : John de Bery, John de Alegate, Seman le Ballif, Richard de Bromfeld, Robert Pavy, Edmund le Mareschal.

Fo. xciv b.

*Judicium pil-
lorie pro car-
nibus putridis.*

Sunday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319], Adam de St. Alban, William atte Ramme, Nicholas Dereman, and Gilbert de Dullyngham, sworn to survey the meat brought to the shambles called "les Stokkes," came before Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, J[ohn] de Wengrave, W[illiam] de Leyre, J[ohn] de Camera, E[lia]s de Suffolk, R[obert] de Kelese, Anketyn de Gysorz, and Henry de Secche-ford, Aldermen, [and] Simon de Abyndone and John de Pres-tone, the Sheriffs, and caused to be brought before them two bullock carcasses, putrid and poisonous, which had been taken from William Sperlyng de West Hamme, and which he intended to sell at the aforesaid shambles. The said William appeared and demanded an inquiry as to the state of the meat. The jurors, viz. : William ate Ramme, Adam de St. Alban, John le Chaundeler of St. Laurence Lane, Nicholas Dereman, Thomas Poyntel, William Gille, Stephen de Hereford, John Picard, "barbier," Simon de Totenham, Reginald de Canefelde, William de Canefeld, and William de Toppesfeld, find that the

meat was bad and that the animals died of disease. Judgment that the said William Sperlyng be set on the pillory and the carcasses burnt beneath him.¹

Writ to the Sheriffs of London that they produce the bodies of the chief taxors and collectors of the eighteenth and the twelfth granted to the King in the City before Walter de Norwich, who was about to visit the City on the King's business, to the intent that they may receive such orders from the said Walter as he may think fit. Witness the King at York, 9 Nov., 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Letter from Hamo de Chigwell, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the whole Commonalty of the City to the King, assuring him of the City's loyalty and praying him to graciously accede to a petition forwarded by Hamo Godchep, Henry de Seccheford, John de Castelacre, and Edmund Cosyn. Dated 27 Nov., 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Petition to the King from the citizens complaining of the exactions of John de Everdone and his fellow-commissioners appointed to assess the tax of a twelfth of all movables in the City recently granted the King by citizens and burgesses of the land, and praying for redress and for the maintenance of the City's franchises.

Fo. xcv.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to cause proclamation to be made against bringing petronels² or other offensive weapons likely to provoke disturbances into the City, and to arrest all those found doing to the contrary, saving the serjeants-at-arms of the King and Queen, and one valet to each earl and baron to carry his master's sword. Witness the King at York, 16 Oct., 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Precept thereon sent to every Serjeant of a Ward by order of the Mayor, made in full Husting for Common Pleas, held on Monday after the Feast of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].

Lease by Ralph Beleverage, ironmonger, and "Bonajoia" his wife, daughter of Robert de Multone and Agnes his wife, to

Fo. xcvi.

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 132, 133.

² *Arcus pro lapidibus et aliis nocuis*

fundendi. Sometimes called "Stone-bow." See 'Liber Albus,' i. 278.

ij*s.* vj*d.* Hugh de Worcester, skinner, of an annual quitrent of 20*s.*, charged on a tenement held by Geoffrey del Bernet, girdler, and Matilda his wife, for their lives, in the parish of St. Benedict Shorhog, situate near the tenements of William Servat and Sir Richer de Refham, which rent the aforesaid Agnes bequeathed to the aforesaid "Bonajoia." To hold the said rent to the said Hugh for the lifetime of the said Ralph and "Bonajoia" and the survivor of them. Witnesses, Hamo de Chygewelle, the Mayor, John de Prestone and Simon de Abyndone, the Sheriffs, John de Wengrave, the Alderman of the Ward,¹ &c. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20].

*De ass' de
Intrus'.*

Thursday the morrow of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322-3], ordinance made in an assembly at the Guildhall, in the presence of Hamo de Chigwell, the Mayor, Roger de Ely and John de Grantham, the Sheriffs, Nicholas de Farendone, Richard de Gloucestre, Robert de Swalclive, Roger de Frowyk, Anketin de Gisors, Reginald de Conduit, John de Cotun, John de Prestone, Richard Costantyn, John Poyntel, Roger le Paumer, Henry de Seccheford, John Priour, Edmund Lambyn, and John Hauteyn, Aldermen, and many of the better citizens of each Ward, touching a more strict procedure to be observed in future in holding pleas of intrusion.

Fo. xcvi.

Grant by Hugh de Gartone, mercer, to Sir John Duraunt de Wychyngham, chaplain, of certain quitrents of tenements in the parishes of St. Benedict Shorhogge and St. Peter de Bradestrade for life. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, John de Prestone and Simon de Abyndone, the Sheriffs, Simon Corp, Alderman of the Ward of Cordewanerstrate, in which the grantor's tenements in the parish of St. Benedict Shorhog are situate, Henry Nazard, Alderman of the Ward of Bradestrade, Roger de Paris, Richard de Betoigne, &c. Dated Friday the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20].

ij*s.* vj*d.*

¹ Cheap. Two days later, viz., on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Hillary, the same year, Simon de Paris is recorded as having been elected

Alderman of Cheap (*vide supra*, p. 11). What became of Wengrave (who had previously been Alderman of Candlewick Street Ward) is not clear.

Wednesday before the Feast of SS. Fabian and Sebastian [20 Jan.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], Richard le Forester attached to answer a charge of practising deceit upon Richard de Bentone¹ in the matter of a certain garland. The accused puts himself upon the country. Being found guilty by a jury of having deceived many persons, he is sentenced to stand in the pillory and abjure the City for a year and a day.

Be it remembered that whereas on Thursday before the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], William de Evre, ironmonger, caused certain pledges in the house of Edmund le Lorymer, where Stephen le Bokeler, smith (*faber*), resided, to be attached by Joice, the Serjeant of the Chamber, to satisfy a bond in which the said Stephen stood bound to the said William, the said Edmund came before Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, and claimed the sum of 14s. as due to him for rent, as he offered to prove by his law, &c. And because the said pledges were attached when Thomas Prentiz was Chamberlain, who had been removed from office, the aforesaid Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, came before Geoffrey de Hertpol and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, and asked if the said Edmund ought to be allowed to make his law, &c. And it was adjudged that pledges of the value of 14s. should be delivered to the said Edmund, on his making oath, the residue being delivered by the Chamberlain to William de Evre.

Wednesday before the same Feast came Laurence le Barbier, one of those sworn to keep the Poultry upon Cornhull, before the Mayor, and complained that John Bakon, poulterer, was a common forestaller of poultry, and demanded an inquest by the country, &c. And the said John, being interrogated by Hamo de Chigwell, the Mayor, Geoffrey de Hertpol, John Poyntel, Robert Sely, Roger le Palmere, Roger de Frowik, Simon de Abyndone, Alderman and Sheriff, Richard Costantyn, John Cotun, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, said that he was not guilty, and likewise put himself on the country, &c. The jurors, viz., John Cristemasse, Nicholas le Longe, Edmund

¹ Misread "Dentone," 'Memorials,' p. 133.

Mohaut, John Ballard, Walter de Oxenford, Nicholas Seman, Robert de Poumfreit, William de Cantebrige, Richard Scot, Thomas le Cuteler, Robert de la Valeye, and Richard de Rothynge, find that he is a common forestaller as charged, and that he is accustomed to practise forestalling (*forestallariam facere*), &c. Committed to prison.

Fo. xcviij
[sic].

Deed whereby Thomas de Uptone, a clerk, covenants to permit Richard de Bromfeld, a layman, to occupy certain houses which the said Thomas purchased of Sir James de Audele, Knt., situate on Cornhull between the churches of St. Michael and St. Peter, for 80 marks, to be paid as prescribed, the said Thomas reserving to himself the absolute disposal of certain new houses, with stabling for four horses, which he had erected at his own expense. [No date.] Acknowledged on Thursday before the Purification [2 Feb.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20].

ijs. vjd.

Deed whereby the above Thomas de Uptone covenants to accept a smaller sum than that agreed upon to be paid by Richard de Bromfeld in the preceding deed. Dated 10 Nov., A.D. 1319.

ijs. vjd.

Fo. xcviij b.

*Scriptum
Walteri P. cok.*

Grant by Katherine, daughter of Matilda de Kyngestone, daughter of Walter de Kyngestone, late poulterer, to Walter Pecok of a quitrent of 46s. 8d., charged on a tenement formerly belonging to Falk le Taverner in the parish of All Hallows de Bredstrate, and situate near the tenements of William Hewe, William de Beverley, William de St. Martin, and Richard de Borewell; to hold the same for a term of seven years. Witnesses, Adam de Ely, William atte Roche (Rothe?), Thomas le Barbier, Ralph de Bredstrate, tailor, Robert de Gloucestre, John de Fyncham, Laurence Scheil, Roger Lovekyn, Robert the clerk, and others [not named].

ijs. vja.

*De electione
Will'i Heder-
setein Alderm'.*

Tuesday after the Feast of SS. Fabian and Sebastian [20 Jan.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], William de Hedersete, mercer, elected Alderman of Billyngesgate Ward by men of the Ward, and sworn, &c.

*Congregacio
apud Gihald'.*

Friday the eve of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, John de Gisorz, Nicholas de Farndone, Geoffrey de Hertpol, Simon Corp, Edmund Lambyn, Simon de Abyndone, Simon

de Parys, John Poyntel, Richard Costantyn, Anketin de Gisorz, Elias de Suffolk, Roger de Frowik, Robert Sely, Roger le Palmere, Henry Nazard, Henry de Seccheford, and John Cotun, Aldermen, and the Commonalty, being assembled at the Guildhall, it was agreed that fourpence should be taken in each pound of the twelfth according to the manner of the first assessment made by neighbours, which twelfth was granted to King Edward II. at York in the thirteenth year of his reign at the Parliament held there.¹

Saturday the octave of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], Laurence Albyn, William Trigge, William Scot, Robert de Hakeneye, Master John le Fissmongere, Robert de Ledebery, Thomas Sprott, Ralph de Geldesburgh, and Henry Flynthard brought to the Guildhall before the Mayor and Aldermen sixteen nets called "kidels" taken in the Thames in charge of John de Pelham, fishmonger, of Wolwich, and John Godgrom, "Drynker,"³ of Plomstede, who said that the kidels belonged to Robert, son of John Pesok, of Plumstede, John Pesok, Henry Wolvyn de Lesnes, John Gerald, William Prat, John Prat, John Dyngesand, John Segod, John his son, John Waryn de Berkyngge, John le Carpenter de Erheth, William, son of John Pesok, John Bourne, and Adam Savery. The said kidels had been placed in the aforesaid water to the destruction of fry and salmon, &c. The kidels ordered to be burnt, and the fishermen aforesaid not to commit the like offence under penalty prescribed.⁴

Sunday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], Roger de Frowik, Alderman, mainprised the City for payment of £8 8s. 4d.; and Hamo de Chig-

Fo. xcix.

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 106, note 3.

² Nets used in kidels or weirs, whence "kettles" or "kettle-nets," in use at the present day. By charter of Richard I. (A.D. 1197) all "kidelli" (usually translated "weirs") were ordered to be removed from the Thames. Cf. charter 17 June, 1 John: 'Liber Cust.', i. 131, 133.

³ Probably meaning a "trinker-man," or one who fishes with a net or engine known as a "trink"; in contradistinction to a "peterman," who fished with a "peternet." See 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 186 n.

⁴ 'Memorials,' p. 135.

well, the Mayor, John de Gisorz, Nicholas de Farndone, Anketin de Gisorz, and Simon de Abyndone, Aldermen, mainprised for the repayment of the same on Palm Sunday next, &c. And Thomas Rys mainprised the City for the payment of 100s.; and the said Mayor and Aldermen similarly mainprised for the repayment of the same.

The same day John Sterre, fishmonger, lent to the said Mayor and Aldermen the sum of £6, to be repaid on Palm Sunday, &c. The same day Simon de Swanlond, draper, paid 20s. for the City's business; Adam de Salesbire lent 10s.; John Cotun, Alderman, 100s.; Thomas de Enefeld, pepperer, one mark; Thomas Cok, draper, 40s.; John de Prestone, 20s.; Robert le Callere, 20s.; and William de Hakford, £13.

Fo. xcix b.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs enjoining them to see that the pavement of the City is repaired, the streets cleansed and freed of vagrant pigs. Witness the King at Langele, 4 March, 9 Edward II. [A.D. 1315-16].

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for the punishment of bakers, taverners, millers, and others of divers misteries guilty of committing assaults with swords, bucklers, and other arms by night. Witness the King at Westminster, 23 Feb., 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20].

Acquittance under the Common Seal of the City by Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen for the sum of £7 received from Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, out of the ferm and issues of the City and county aforesaid, in part payment of the sum of £1,000 lent to the King anno 10 Edward II. Dated 18 July, 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320].

Fo. c.

ijs. vjd.

Grant by Adam de Thunderle to Richard Andreu, sheerman (*tonsor*), and Matilda his wife of his capital messuage, formerly belonging to Roger de Lenne, in the parish of All Hallows upon the Cellars, for their lives at an annual rent of 60s. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, John de Prestone and Simon de Abyndone, the Sheriffs, Stephen de Abyndone, Alderman of the Ward,¹ Simon de Swanlond, John Vyvyan, Thomas

¹ Dowgate.

Cok, and others [not named]. Dated the morrow of St. Matthias, Ap. [24 Feb.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20].

Enrolled on Thursday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20].

Bond entered into by the above Adam in favour of the above Richard and Matilda in the sum of £20. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of St. Matthias, Ap. [24 Feb.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20]. Witnesses, John Vyvyan, Simon de Swanlond, Robert de Barsham, and others [not named].

ijs. vjd.

Grant by John de Watford, "Teynturer,"¹ and Alice his wife, daughter of Robert Motun, to Robert de Bristoll, saddler, of all those houses devised by the said Robert Motun² to his said daughter, which houses the said Robert had by grant of Adam de Rothynge and Katherine his wife in the parish of St. Martin in the Vintry; to hold the same for a term of fourteen years, quit of any annual rent. Witnesses, Henry le Gaugeour, Robert de Lenne, William de Hallyngbire, Godfrey le Gaugeor, John le Barbier, William le Fourbour, Ralph the Clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20].

ijs. vjd.

Grant by the same to the same of certain quitrents charged on tenements which Paul le Botiller had by devise of Paul his brother in the parishes of St. Michael de Paternostercherch and St. John de Walebroke, near the tenement of Richard de Wilehale and the lane which leads from "la Riote" to Horscho-brigge; to hold the same for a term of eight years. Witnesses, Richard de Wilehale, Walter Gorst, Robert de Dodeford, John Amys, Richard Dasch, John le Mareschal, Hugh de Wilecestre, Ralph the clerk, and others [not named]. Dated 19 March, 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20].

Fo. c b.

Wednesday the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], seventeen pieces of hide belonging to John de Portesmuth were seized in the house of Robert de Gloucestre by Richard Lusser and his fellows sworn to survey hides in the City, who say that the aforesaid hides are not well

Fo. ci.

¹ Dyer.

² His will was enrolled in the Court of Husting in April, 1320. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 286.

tanned nor fit for making shoes, and that the aforesaid John brought them to the City for the purpose of making shoes, &c. And this they offer, &c. The said John came not, nor did he say anything, &c. A jury sworn, viz., Walter Baudry, Richard le Long, John le Long, Alexander Baudry, William Beleverge, John Neweman, John Prichet, John de Assherugge, John de Berdefeld, John de Wynchestre, junior, Roger Poyntel, John de Harengeie, and Richard ate Gate, tanners, who say that the aforesaid hides are false and badly tanned. Accordingly they are declared by the Mayor and Aldermen to be forfeited to the Sheriffs.

Afterwards, viz., on Friday the Feast of St. Benedict [21 March], the same year, the aforesaid Richard caused three girdles (*zone*) called "croupers" belonging to Richard le Coffrer to be seized by Joice, the Serjeant of the Chamber, and one piece of black hide belonging to John de Bikleswade, which the said jurors say are false and badly tanned to the deception of the people. Accordingly they are declared forfeited as above, &c.¹

The same day divers shoes, the property of various persons named, were seized by Richard le Cordewaner de Grascherch, Richard le Coupere, Thomas de Coventre, Richard Coterel, John Coterel, and Robert de Norhampton, sworn to survey shoes, and are condemned as being made of a mixture of bazen and cordwain.²

*Allocacio
more extra
Bysshopesgate.*

Wednesday before the Feast of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], Thomas Cros (?), called "de Hakeneye," hired (*allocavit*) the moor near Bisshopesgate of Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, to hold the same from Easter next for one whole year, at a rent of 4 marks. Surety, William de Hakeneye, residing without Newegate.

Monday the eve of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], came Robert Pavy and John de Salesbire to the Guildhall, and by precept of Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, delivered to Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, one mark of silver

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 135, 136.

² *Id.*, p. 136.

issuing from a certain small garden adjoining the Leadenhall' (*aule plumbi*), opposite the choir of the church of St. Peter on Cornhull, the said money having been taken from the aforesaid Robert and John for completing the pavement appertaining to the court² (*curia*) of the Leadenhall aforesaid, &c. Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday following, came Bartholomew the Clerk to the Mayor, and by his precept received the aforesaid mark from the Chamberlain for completing the aforesaid pavement. And be it known that the said Robert and John are quit of the payment of rent for the aforesaid garden for a term of two years from Christmas the year aforesaid.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs for an inquiry to be held as to whether Herman Swart de Sussalt, Conred ate Broke de Grippeswold, and Tideman ate Way de Grippeswold were merchants of the Hanse of Almaine in England at the time that the Sheriffs attached their goods to compensate William de "Wydeslade," a merchant of London, for the seizure of certain goods of weight (*de averio ponderis*)—comprising bales of almonds, casks of loaf sugar (*zucri in pane*), cubebs ("quibibbes"), pepper, &c.—on board a vessel near Wynterton, off the coast of Norfolk, or not; inasmuch as John le Longe, Alderman of the said Hanse in England, had testified that they were merchants of the Hanse, whilst the Sheriffs, who had already inquired into the matter, and William de Wydeslade had testified to the contrary. Witness the King at Westminster, 20 Feb., 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319–20].

Fo. ci b.

*Brev. Regis
pro Will'mo de
"Wodeslade."*

Inquisition accordingly taken before Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, and Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, the Sheriffs, on Friday before the Feast of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319–20]. The jury, viz., William de Flete, Reginald de Conduit, John Saleman, John de

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¹ Riley ('Memorials,' p. 138, note) remarks that "this is a very early mention of the Leaden Hall." It is mentioned, however, as early as 1296 in the will of John de Gisors. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 128.

² The Leadenhall (as the editor of

the 'Memorials' points out) was occasionally used as a court of justice. See 'Chron. Mayors and Sheriffs,' p. 221. After the flight of Edward II. the citizens assembled there in force to confer with the Constable of the Tower. 'Fr. Chron.' (translation), p. 264.

Pampesworth, Thomas de Donlee, William de Garton, William le Carpenter, spicer, Roger de Suthcote, Wymund Brother, William de Bray, William de Derham, Walter le Foundour, Thomas de Haverynge, John de Benyngho, John le Walshe de Salop', Nicholas William de Lukes, Stephen Soret de Montpellier, and Stephen Cyvade of the same, find that the above Herman, Conred, and Tideman were not merchants of the Hanse at the time their goods were seized by the Sheriffs, as John le Longe, the Alderman of the merchants of the Hanse, avowed.

Fo. cii b.

John, son of Henry Pile de Bolyngham, arrested by Thomas Payn, Serjeant of the Ward of Walebroke, and others of the same Ward keeping watch, and committed to the Tun for being a night vagrant against the King's peace on Tuesday in Easter week, anno 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320]. Afterwards, viz., on the Wednesday following, he was taken before the Mayor and Aldermen at the Guildhall and released, as there was no evidence of his having done anything wrong.

Friday in Easter week, anno 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], William Bullok and Juliana de Donecastre, both of Grascurche, summoned for forestalling hay. The said Juliana pleaded guilty, and was committed to prison until she shall have satisfied the lord the King. The said William pleaded not guilty, and demanded a jury. A jury accordingly summoned from the neighbourhood of Grascurche and Cornhull, and the said William mainprised by Philip de Hadham and Richard de Bromfeld. The jurors, viz., William de Wynchelse, John de Bury, Robert Pavy, John le Longe, Henry le Gaunter, John le Hosteler, John Petewardyn, Robert de Suthreie, William de Hakeneie, William de Cornwaile, Laurence de Oxenford, and Philip le Sadeler, find him guilty, and he is committed. And the aforesaid Juliana, being brought from the gaol of Newegate, made fine to the King in 20*d.*, and was mainprised by the aforesaid mainpernors and released.

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], precept by the Mayor and Aldermen to the Chamberlain to take into the City's hands a small plot of

ground, enclosed with an earthen wall, on the west side of Crepelgate without the gate. Thereupon the Chamberlain proceeded to take the place into the City's hands, but was opposed by a certain William de Waltham, who was dwelling in the said gate. Being summoned to answer for his conduct, the said William failed to show any title to the said gate or land. Order therefore was given by Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Geoffrey de Hertpol, Anketin de Gisorz, John Poyntel, R[ichard] de Gloucestre, Robert Sely, Elias de Suffolk, Simon de Abyndone, Richard Costantyn, and Edmund Lambyn, Aldermen, to take possession of the said gate and land.¹

In the Husting held for Pleas of Land on Monday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], came John Potrel and complained to the Mayor and Aldermen of Joce de Spaldyngge and Johanna his wife, for that whereas by the custom of the City the wardship of children under age should not be given to any one to whom the property of the said children could descend by inheritance, the said Joce and Johanna held the wardship of Robert, son of Hugh de Garthorp, the property of the said Robert being capable of descending to the aforesaid Johanna. He prays a remedy, and asks that the said Robert and his property may be taken into the City's hands. Precept issued to the Chamberlain accordingly until the said Joce justified himself. Afterwards, viz., on the following Wednesday, the said Joce produced a letter under the King's seal appointing him guardian. And because the said Mayor and Aldermen were unadvised on the matter, the child was delivered to the said Joce until they should be better advised.

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Tuesday after the Ascension [8 May], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], in the presence of Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, John de Gisorz, Geoffrey de Hertpol, Hamo Godchep, Stephen de Abyndone, Simon Corp, Richard de Gloucestre, John Poyntel, Simon de Abyndone, John Poyntel [*sic*], R[ichard] Costantyn, Ank[etin] de Gisorz, William

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 136, 137.

de Hedersete, Roger de Frowyk, Elias de Suffolk, Henry de Seccheford, and Roger le Palmer, Aldermen, and of a great Commonalty assembled at the Guildhall, Michael Mynot, vintner, questioned as to his having been an adherent of Robert de Keleseie and others, enemies of the City since the Feast of the Purification last, and endeavouring to annul the liberty of the City,¹ contrary to the oath he took on admission to the freedom. Thereupon he refused to acknowledge his guilt, but renounced the freedom of the City of his own will. It was therefore ordained that he should not be readmitted to the freedom without the assent of the Mayor, Aldermen, and twelve men from each Ward.²

*E'ra Thom'
Ris de xx libr'.*

Bond entered into by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty under the Common Seal in the sum of £20 in favour of Thomas Ris, goldsmith, the same to be paid at Michaelmas. Dated 18 July, 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320].

Deed of covenant by the said Thomas to annul the above bond on the payment to him of 100s. due to him by the Commonalty at Christmas next. Same date.

Fo. ciii b.

Grant by Richard de Haveryngge and Johanna his wife to Richard le Coffrer and Mary his wife of a quitrent of thirteen marks charged on a tenement in the lane and parish of St. Laurence, Jewry, held by Sewal de Spryngfeld and Alice his wife for a term of years from the grantors.³ Witnesses, Walter de Kavendishe, John Potyn, Ralph de Braghynge, Andrew Brunne, William le Haubergier, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated 9 April, 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320].

Fo. civ.

The manner to be followed in the City and suburbs by the taxors of the twelfth granted to the lord the King in his Par-

¹ Possibly (although this is mere conjecture) Mynot and Keleseie might have been among those who sought to curry favour with the King by illicitly raising the assessment for the recently granted twelfth after it had been fixed by those duly appointed

for the purpose from each ward. Their conduct was reported to the King, who gave orders for the correction of the abuse. *Vide infra*, p. 124.

² 'Memorials,' pp. 137, 138.

³ *Vide supra*, p. 98.

liament at York in the month of Easter¹ (*au mois de Pasche*), anno 12 Edward II.; to wit, that the said taxors shall summon before them the richest and most sufficient inhabitants of the City and suburbs, and put them severally on their oath that they will loyally confess what goods and chattels they have within their house and without, as well on the sea as elsewhere, in merchandise, in debts clear, and in jewels of gold and silver, or other property, save only their chattels arising from their foreign lands and tenements and appertaining to the same; and that they will conceal nothing under pain of heavy forfeiture prescribed by the King and his Council. And if assessment be made on the King's behalf, they shall cause the most loyal and substantial men of each Ward or parish to appear before them, for the selection of six or more, who had never acted as taxors before, to make the taxation, and shall put them to their oath that they will loyally and fully inquire what goods and chattels each has in the City and suburbs, and tax them at their true value, saving the exceptions underwritten, and enter them on rolls, which they shall deliver under their seals to the chief taxors, receiving the counterparts under the seals of the said chief taxors. And when the latter shall have received the Rolls, they shall carefully examine them, and rectify any default or misprision, so that nothing be concealed, nor any reduction of taxation made for gift or favour other than as reason demands. And the taxation of the sub-taxors shall be made by the chief taxors and other good men elected for the purpose, so that their goods be taxed well and truly in the same manner as the rest. And as soon as the chief taxors shall have received the returns of the sub-taxors they shall levy the twelfth for the King's benefit without delay and without showing favour to any, according to the terms of their commission. And be it known that in this taxation of goods in the City and suburbs there shall be exempted one gown for the man and one for his wife, and a bed for both; a ring and a bracelet (*fermail*) of gold or silver, and a girdle of silk for daily use, and also a

¹ Easter Day in 1319 fell on the 8th April. The Parliament sat at York from the 6th till the 25th May. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 344n.

hanap of silver or of "mazre" from which they drink. No levy to be made on goods under half a mark in value.¹ [No date.]

Writ to Master John de Everdone, John Abel, Robert de Wodehous, and Augustine de Woxbrigge, appointed assessors² of the twelfth to be raised in the City. Whereas it had been ordained among other articles contained in the King's recent letters patent regarding tallages and aids that assessments made by men elected for the purpose from the Wards should not be raised except by the common consent of the Mayor and citizens, complaint had been made that such assessments had been raised by certain emulous citizens to the no small detriment of the rest.³ They are hereby instructed to correct the evil in such a manner that the citizens be not unduly burdened. Witness the King at York, 28 Jan., 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20].

Fo. civ b.

[Here follows a schedule of the amount levied in each Ward, the names of the Aldermen being entered in another hand.]

Simon de Abyndone, Tower ...	...	...	£67	13s.	8d.
Simon Corp, Cordewanerstrate ...	...	...	£73	15s.	0½d.
John de Gisorz, Vintry ...	...	...	£94	10s.	11¼d.
Hugh de Gartone, Colmanstrate ...	...	...	£6	19s.	1d.
Roger de Frowik, Langeburne ...	...	...	£25	4s.	10d.
Richard de Gloucestre, Cornhulle ...	...	...	£21	16s.	10d.
Robert Sely, Lymstrate ...	...	...		24s.	3d.
Richard Costantyn, Bassieshaghe ...	...	...	£4	9s.	7¾d.
Prior of H. Trinity, Portsokne ...	...	...		79s.	1¼d.
Hamo de Chigwelle, Queenhithe ...	...	...	£41	9s.	6d.
William de Hedersete, Billyngesgate ...	...	...	£45	15s.	6d.

¹ Cf. the manner of taxation of the fifteenth in 1315, and of the tenth in 1322, printed in 'Rot. Parl.' i. 450-451, 457-8. Also cf. *infra*, fos. ccxlii, ccxlii b.

² *Vide supra*, p. 106.

³ "Eodem anno [A.D. 1319] die Sancti Edmundi archiepiscopi [16

Nov.] *sæva contentio orta est in gialda Londoniis inter communitatem civitatis et quosdam alios super incremento tallagii occulte facto. Unde directi sunt nuntii per communitatem ad dominum regem Eboraci.*" 'Chron. Edw. I. and II.,' vol. ii. p. 287.

Elias de Suffolk	{ Crepelgate	...	£77	4s.	11 <i>d.</i>
	{ Crepelgate Without	...	£16	5s.	4½ <i>d.</i>
Edmund Lambyn, Bridge	...	...	£41	9s.	4½ <i>d.</i>
Hamo Godchep, Bredstrate	...	...	£35	17s.	10 <i>d.</i>
Nicholas de Farndone	{ Farndone Within	...	£41	4s.	8½ <i>d.</i>
	{ Farndone Without	...	£19	6s.	4 <i>d.</i>
<i>preter Rogerum Chauntecler.</i>					
John Cotun, Walebroke	...	...	£80	19s.	2 <i>d.</i>
Simon de Paris, Chepe	...	...	£57	6s.	4½ <i>d.</i>
Stephen de Abyndone, Douuegate	...	...	£106	3s.	[0 <i>d.</i>]
Geoffrey Hertpol, Candelwikstrate	...	...	£17	12s.	2½ <i>d.</i>
	Bradestrade	...	£37	18s.	4½ <i>d.</i>
Roger le Palmere, Castle Baynard	...	...	£16	[0s.]	19 <i>d.</i>
Anketin de Gisorz, Alegate	...	...	£4	18s.	9½ <i>d.</i>
John Poyntel, Bisshopesgate	...	...	£4	16s.	8 <i>d.</i>
Henry de Seccheford, Aldersgate	...	...		108s.	4 <i>d.</i>
Sum total	...	...	£916	[0s.]	18½ <i>d.</i> [<i>sic</i>].

Grant by William de Cheyham, corder, and Katherine his wife, to Alice, late wife of Stephen le Espicer, called "le Hornerere," of an annual quitrent of 20s. by way of her dower of a tenement formerly belonging to the aforesaid Stephen, in the parish of St. Dunstan West in Fletestrete, to hold the same for life. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, Sheriffs, William Passemer, Hugh Armourer, Roger Chauntecler, Robert "Saly," John atte Crouche, John de Bredstrate, Henry Bonmarche, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday before the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320].

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ijs. vjd.

Quitclaim by Roger, son of William de Kynebautone, the King's late pantler (*panetarius*), to Master Roger de la Bere, clerk, of certain houses in the lane of St. Botolph de Billingesgate, in the parish of St. George de Estchep, which the said Master Roger had purchased from Sir Silvester, the Rector of the said parish church; the said property having once belonged to the aforesaid William de Kynebautone and Petronilla his wife, and being situate near the tenements sometime held by

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John le Mareschal, Robert Youn, and Peter de Cumbe. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, the Sheriffs, William de Hederse, Alderman of the Ward,¹ Hamo Godchepe, John Sterre, Robert Youn, John Saleman, William Simond, John Fresfissh, Robert Swote, John Cros, Thomas de Kanefeld, William de Wyncestre, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of H. Trinity [25 May], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320].

*De putrid
carni; unde
ad collistri-
gium.*

At the Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], William le Clerk, of Hegham Ferrers, was brought before Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Roger de Frowyk, Elias de Suffolk, Richard de Gloucestre, Edmund Lambyn, Robert Sely, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, with putrid meat unfit for human food. The said William was ordered to stand in the pillory and the meat to be burnt under him, &c.²

Tuesday before the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], Thomas "the Smythe" de Stebenhethe brought before Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Geoffrey de Hertpol, Hugh de Gartone, J[ohn] Poyntel, Henry de Seccheford, and William de Caustone, Aldermen, and John de Prestone, the Sheriff, charged by Nicholas Schyngel with having bought putrid meat from Alice la Coureors. The said Thomas brings a counter-charge and claims a jury. The jury by William de Wrotham, brewer, and others [not named], find the said Nicholas guilty, but the said Thomas not guilty. The said Nicholas to stand on the pillory and the meat to be burnt under him.³

The same day. John de Marchyntone committed to prison by the said Mayor and Aldermen for keeping a baker's shop after abjuring the business of a baker in the City for ever.

Fo. cvi.

Be it remembered that on Tuesday before the Feast of St. George [23 April], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], it was agreed and ordained by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty that every one who contributed towards the loan of £1,000 made to

¹ Billingsgate.

² 'Memorials,' p. 139.

³ *Id.*, pp. 139, 140.

the King in the tenth year of his reign by the names under-written should forego one half of the sum advanced by him in order to lessen the burden of the City and for the acquittance of its debts, and the creditors of the aforesaid sum of £1,000, being present, gave their assent. It was likewise ordained by the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty that those who had been paid their share in full towards the said sum, and those who had subscribed nothing towards it, should contribute if possible a reasonable amount for discharging the aforesaid debts, &c. And that from each Ward one honest and trusty man should be elected by the men of the Ward "*ad super-videndum ad quod proficuum denarii deveniunt*," &c.

Names.

Henry le Gaugeour, William de Staneforde, Geoffrey Pourte, Richard Horn, Roger de Ely, Nicholas le Keu, John de Braghynge, Ralph de Billyng', Richard de Thorp, "pelleter," William Tovy, Walter de Hallyngberi, William de Braye, woolmonger, John Page, William de Leytone, John Brond, William de Wynchelse, William le Carpenter, spicer, William de Poumfreit, William de Wynton', Robert de Knapwelle, Gervase de Hundesdiche, Robert de Borham, John de Wymundham, Robert de Dodefurd, Peter de Newcastle, Nicholas Ponge, John Pake, John de Coumbe, Nicholas de Gernemuthe, Henry ate Frethe, John de Wymundeswold, John de Triple, William Lambyn, Alan Annore, Richard Swote, John de Wrotham, John Froshe, Simon le Cotiller, John Freshfishe, John le Brewere, Robert de Bray, Wymund Broth[er], Roger de Waltham, Geoffrey le Brewere, Walter de Papworth, Thomas le Cordwaner, John de Strode, Peter de Staundone, Reginald de Aillesberi, Henry de Hacchesham, Robert de Lamburne, John le Yonge, Alan de Roub[er]i, John de Wynton', William de Mortone, William de Brekendone, John Saleman, Peter de Hatfeld, Adam Hunteman, Robert de Derbi, Henry de Shorne, Stephen de Wynton', Gerard de Flete, Simon Fitz Robert, Robert de Lyncoln, Maurice Turgis, Robert Austyn, John de Colewelle, Thomas de Wynton', William de Fulham,

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Nicholas de Newcastle, William le Fourbour, William Wolf, Alan Aspal, Richard de Yetyngge, William de Hockele, Walter de Stebenhethe, Thomas Prentiz, Cambin Folberd,¹ John Cros, John le Mareschal, Bartholomew le Spicer, Richard de Hakene, Thomas le Hornhere, William de Codyntone, Roger de Notyng-ham, William le Cotiller, Richard Asselyn, Thomas de Ispannia, Robert de Asshe, Benedict de Shorne, Richard le Barber, Simon de Hakeneye, Robert Swote, Robert Pamy, Walter de Bedefonte, John de Gustede, John Nonnes, John Sterre, William de Pariz, shearman (*tonsor*), Walter de Waltham, Robert le Treiere, Robert Ilger, William Launce, Stephen Horn, Walter de Chesewik, John de Codyngtone, Henry Darcy, Thomas Coke, John Simian, Henry de Stowe, John de Nonnes, John de "Seistede," John de Pulteneye, Richard de Hereford, William Filers, William de Parys, William de Combe, William Dirry, Walter de Mordone, John "Vimian" (Vivian?), Thomas de Spaigne, Edmund Cosyn, Henry de Bury, Elyas de Thorp, Reginald de Conduit, Walter le Moleward, Thomas de Combe, John Prior, junior, William de Derham, Adam Huntman, Robert Swote.

Thomas de Campes, Thomas de Crokesle, John atte Crouche, John de Dallinge, junior, Geoffrey de Caumpes, Bartholomew de Hindringham, Ralph de Braghinge, Henry le Hore, William atte Roche, Thomas le Ropere, Walter le Furmager, Thomas le Barbir, "Iepere," John de Burgoigne, Bartholomew de Honilane, John Potyn, Robert de Worstede, Roger de Bernes, John de Stebenhethe, William de Aroundel, Adam de Sarum, Robert de Weleford, Adam de Conduit, Alan de Chigwelle, Richard de Berdefeld, Robert Podifat, Adam de St. Alban, Robert le Callere, Richard de Hodesdone, Richard Jordon, Andrew de Broune, Robert de Whigh, taverner, Ralph de Berqueye, Richard de Beton', Thomas de Enefeld, John de Pikeman, Richard atte Roche, Richard atte Holmes, Richard atte Vigne, Peter Piebakere, Adam Snowe, Richard de Bolyntone, Robert

¹ More commonly "Fulbert." A nuncupative will of "Cambin Guidonis [*i.e.*, Guy's son] Fulberti" was proved in the Husting in 1346. 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust., London,' i. 488.

de Lenne, William de St. Alban, John de Chelesee, Guilot le Hauberger, Richard de Farneberg, William le Taverner, chaucer, John de Lindeseye, Salomon le Coffrer, John de Lenesham, Robert de Limintone, Reginald de Conduyt, Roger Hosebonde, Oliver Bremynge, Gilbert de "Lesues" (Lesnes?), William Joye, Robert de Waye, John de Wynton', senior, William Denis, Roger Lespicer, Richard Dokeswoit, Walter Kynge, Walter Gorst, Roger de Lenne, Osebert atte Arcubus, Roger de Arcubus, Roger de Southcote, Roger de Edelintone, Richard Gubbe, Richard de Shordiche, Ralph de Blithe, John de Colcestre, William Prodhomme, Gilbert de Istelworth, Roger Sauvage, William atte Lamme, John de Stoppesle, Hugh le Fourbour, Roger de Chipested, Roger de Lyntone, Walter atte Belhous, Adam atte Bowe, Robert le Bret, William Sprot, William Edmund, John de Parys, Robert le Hutherne, John de Bereford, Walter le Foundour, Simon Foundour, Ralph Picot, Laurence Longe, Richard Ussher, Thomas atte Brome, John Baron, Richard Trugge, Geoffrey le Cotiler, Thomas de Berkynge, William de Bidik, John Spraye, Nigel de Whatele, "Reynus" Piggeflesshe, Hugh de Assheburne, John Hosebonde, John Giles, John Hereward, Thomas de Hales, Robert de Ely, Umfrey Staci, John de Ailesham, Elyas le Callere, James le Palmere, Alan "Lauen," Walter de Bardeneye, Robert Newcomyn, Hugh de Hereford, John de Castelacre, Geoffrey atte Gate, John le Disshere, Roger Chauntecler, Geoffrey de Notyngham.

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Monday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], the underwritten sums of money were lent by those whose names are subscribed for sending presents to the lord the King, the Queen, and other nobles arriving from York, &c., viz. :—

Walter Gorst, 20s.;¹ Roger le Palmere, 20s.;² William atte

¹ A note inserted to the effect that this money was repaid, as appears on the thirteenth folio preceding, by John Sterre, who had a letter from the Commonalty to the Sheriffs.

² A note that this was paid by Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, by precept of Hamo de Chig[welle], the Mayor.

Rothe, 20s.; John Priour, senior, 20s.; John Priour, junior, 20s.; John atte Crouch, 20s.; John Vyvian, 20s.; Henry de Prestone, 20s.; Roger de Ely, 20s.; William de Bodele, 20s.; Reyner Piggésflesh, 20s.;¹ Walter Neel, 20s.; Robert de Ely, 20s.; Robert le Bret, goldsmith, 20s.; Simon de Abyndon, Alderman, 20s.;² Gilbert de Mordone, 20s.; Walter de Mordone, 20s.; Thomas Rys, 20s.; Richard Gubbe, 20s.; William Prod-homme, 20s.; Thomas de Enefeld, 20s.; John de Grantham, 20s.; John de Oxenford, 20s.; Adam de Salesbire, 20s.

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*Scriptum
Will'i le Clerk
Pottere
London'.*

Deed of sale by Guy Jacobi, "Lombard," citizen and spicer of London, to William le Clerk, citizen and "potier" of London, of his interest in a certain shop, held under Henry le Paumer, in the parish of St. Stephen on Walbrok, together with assignment of John de Alegate, son of the said William, his apprentice. Dated at London, Sunday before the Feast of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320]. Witnesses, Hugh de Gartone, John Peché, tailor, William de Brighwelle, "sherman," Peter de Grenewich, Stephen Talp, Simon le Hodere, Robert de Rahgtone, "potier," Robert de Barsham, and others [not named].

*Breve de
Parlamento.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London for the election of two citizens to represent the City in the Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday in the octave of St. Michael. Dated at Westminster, 5 Aug., 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320].³

John de Sloghtre, chaplain, placed in the Tun⁴ for being found wandering about the City against the peace, on the night of Friday before the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320]. Afterwards, viz., on the following Saturday, he was brought before the Mayor, and because he was carrying arms against the peace and against the proclamation

¹ A note that this was repaid, inasmuch as he was released from an assessment of 20s. at the *Iter*, anno 14.

² A note that he is quit for the reason given in the preceding note.

³ Printed in Palgrave's 'Parliamentary Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 224 (from the original writ at that time

preserved among the Tower Records). The result of the election made pursuant to the writ is recorded *infra*, p. 134. The Parliament sat from the 6th until the 25th October.

⁴ A "round-house" or prison on Cornhill. See 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 244 n.

(*clamorem*)¹ before made in the City, he was committed to Newgate,² &c.

Wednesday before the Feast of Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], Hugh ate Coke, residing at Fancherche, came before Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged himself bound to John, son of Robert de Holand, aged twenty years, in the sum of 100s., for payment of which Adam "in the lane" and Richard ate Cokke became sureties. Saturday before the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], the said John de Holand appoints as his attorney Walter de Stebenheth, and a year later John ate Vigne, clerk. On Tuesday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322-3], the balance of money still owing is paid and the above recognisance is cancelled.

At the Court of Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, held on Monday after the Feast of Ascension [8 May], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], it was forbidden by the said Mayor and the Aldermen that Robert de Amyas, Roger le Ceynturer, Henry de Flete, Thomas ate Hide, and Anselm le Latoner, retailers of ale upon the Bridge, should any longer sell ale upon the Bridge under penalty prescribed.³

Fo. cviii.

Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, the Sheriffs, summoned to answer John Pynel, fishmonger, in a plea that when the said John came to the City with lampreys on Tuesday before the Feast of St. George [23 April] the said Sheriffs demanded payment of custom for the same, viz., for every dorser⁴ (*dossero*) a lamprey, which they ought not to have claimed, and on this he asks judgment. The said Simon and John come and say that other Sheriffs took custom of all kinds of fish except mulvel (*mulvello*⁵), ray (*raio*), conger, dory (*dorre*), turbot, bass (*barz*⁶), and surmullet (*sormulet*⁷), wherein no mention is made

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 70.

² 'Memorials,' p. 140.

³ 'Memorials,' p. 137.

⁴ A basket adapted for carrying on the back. Formerly called a "dosser."

⁵ See Glossary, 'Liber Cust.', p. 816.

⁶ Cf. "bars de meer," or sea bass. Glossary, 'Liber Albus,' p. 295.

⁷ *Ibid.*, p. 360.

of lampreys, as is found in the book of socage¹ in the Chamber of the Guildhall, and they ask judgment as to whether they ought to take custom of lampreys or not, &c. And inasmuch as it is found in the said book of socage that the Sheriffs ought to take custom of lampreys, and it was testified that other Sheriffs had taken custom, it was adjudged by Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that the aforesaid Sheriffs should take custom of lampreys as of other fish not excepted in the aforesaid book of socage, &c.²

Be it remembered that on Monday the eve of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], 780 spear-heads of iron and not gilt, and 91 gilt heads were appraised, viz., at 2s. a dozen heads gilt and not gilt, [or] 16s. a hundred, on account of a certain recognisance made on Saturday in the octave of the Epiphany [6 Jan.], whereby William de Croidon, "cotiller," acknowledged he owed to Adam de Masschebury, "cotiller," the sum of £30, which he ought to have paid at the following Pentecost and failed to pay. Wherefore the said heads had been sequestrated as well as other property found in the house of John de Parys, corder, tenanted by the said William, which property, comprising knives and clubs, was claimed by Hugh de Croidon, "cotiller," before Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, John Poyntel and Simon de Abyndone, Aldermen. And be it known that the aforesaid heads were appraised by Mankin le Heaumer, Gillot le Hauberger, Hugh le Fourbour, Reginald le Hauberger, Bartholomew le Cotiller, Geoffrey le Cotiller, &c.

Wednesday before the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], Warin de Waldene, "bucher," charged before the

¹ No such book is known among the City archives. Cf. the following customs levied at London Bridge :

"La nef qe meine milvel saunz autre pessoun dorra ii milvels horspris fraunch[ise]. La nef qe vient ou milvel ou Raies dorra i milvel et i Raie horspris fraunch[ise]. . . . La nef qe meine bars de meer, sormulet, cungre, dore, turbut, aloses, anguiles,

nule custume deit paier fors pur la nef iid pur strandage." 'Liber Albus,' i. 234.

² A marginal note states that this judgment was annulled so far as related to freemen [in 1376], as appears in Letter-Book H, fo. 31. The taking of custom on lampreys had previously been forbidden by the Justices at the *Iter* of 1321. 'Liber Cust.,' i. 384.

Mayor and Aldermen, on the oath of John le Clerk, John Gervais, Thomas de Ware, William Sandone, Roger Aleyn, Richard Shail, William ate Grene, Richard de Brikhulle, and William le Kyng, with exposing putrid meat for sale. Condemned by Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, J[ohn] de Gisorz, A[nketin] de Gisorz, H[enry] de Seccheford, Simon de Abyndone, S[imon] Corp, H[ugh] de Gartone, W[illiam] de Hedersete, and Roger le Palmere, Aldermen, to stand on the pillory and there remain until the meat be utterly consumed by fire.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], William le Freynsh, servant of Geoffrey de Conduit, came before Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, and complained of William Beaufiz, a sailor, having used threats to him at Billyng[esgate] on Monday last. The defendant called upon to find sureties for keeping the peace. Sureties accordingly, viz., Thomas le Ropere, Adam Pikeman, Roger de Nettlestede, Adam de Biry, Simon Turgis, Robert Ilger, and Edmund Cosyn.

Fo. cviii b.

Monday the eve of St. Botolph [17 June], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], it was declared to Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen in full Husting, by Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, the Sheriffs, that certain persons impleaded before them in their courts for debt and other contracts proffered writings and acquittances made outside the City (*in forinseco*), whereof the court could not have cognisance, to the deceiving of the court and exclusion of plaintiffs from their actions. Thereupon it was ordained by the aforesaid Mayor and Aldermen that if any such writing or acquittance made outside the City, on any contract whatsoever whereof the court could not have cognisance, were proffered, such writing or acquittance should be held for nought. And if the party proffering the writing should refuse to make further answer, he should be considered as having no defence.

*De false pro-
ponentibus
scripta seu
acquietanc' in
Cur' Vic', etc.*

Saturday before the Feast of Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20], Stephen atte Stoples—who had been deputed by John de Wengrave, the Mayor, to make certain collections in the Ward of Cornhulle in conjunction with

*De Steph'o ate
Stoples attincto
de denar' in-
juste per ipsum
capt'.*

John de Wymundeswold, Robert de Poumfreit, and William de Wynchelse for providing 200 foot soldiers for the King against the Scots—charged with having appropriated certain sums received from William de Cotes, John de St. Neot, and Philip de Dunstaple. He confesses he received the money. Judgment by Hamo de Chigewelle, then Mayor, and the Aldermen and Commonalty there assembled that the said Stephen make good to the aforesaid William, John, and Philip the sums he had received, and suffer imprisonment for his trespass, and never be employed in like manner again in the City.

Fos. cix-cxi b. Inspeximus charter confirming the liberties of the City. Dated at York, 8 June, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319].¹

Fo. cxib. Be it remembered that on Sunday the Feast of St. Matthew, Ap. [21 Sept.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], there were elected Nicholas de Farndone, Anketin de Gisorz, Aldermen, and Roger Hosebond and Henry Moncoi² to attend the Parliament at Westminster in the octave of St. Michael, the year aforesaid, by virtue of a certain writ³ addressed to the Sheriffs of London, &c.

Thursday the Feast of St. Dionisius [9 Oct.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], Richard de Walyngford committed to the custody of Reginald de Conduit, the Sheriff, for using threats to Richard Edward, as testified by John de Stistede, "chaundeler," and Richard de Witham.

Fo. cxii. Lease by Richard Godchep, mercer, and Margery his wife, daughter of Jordan Godchep, to John de Dallyngge, junior, mercer, of a certain chamber in their seld in Westchepe in the parish of St. Mary le Bow, together with chests and cupboards therein, for a term of twelve years from Easter, anno 12 Edward II., at an annual rent of 13s. 4d. Witnesses, John de Dallyng, John Poyntel, Hugh de Gartone, William de Hakford, William de Caustone, Roger the clerk, and others [not named].

ij^s. vj^d.

Read, Wednesday before the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] [12 Edward II. A.D. 1318].

¹ The original charter preserved at the Guildhall (Box 4). Cf. 'Liber Cust.' i. 255-268, where the date given is the 18th June.

² Printed "Moncor" in Palgrave, 'Parl. Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 224

³ *Supra*, p. 130.

Saturday the morrow of the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain of the Chamber of the Guildhall, by precept of Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, took into the City's hand Walter, son of Richard the cook, a vagrant orphan, and on Sunday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] following brought him before the said Mayor, and Nicholas de Farndone, Roger de Frowyk, Edmund Lambyn, and Roger le Palmere, Aldermen, and a great Commonalty assembled for the election of Sheriffs as is the custom, and by their assent the guardianship of the said Walter and of his property was entrusted to the said Chamberlain until he come of age. Sureties for the said Andrew, viz., John Saleman and Jordan "Laubel," fishmonger, &c.

*Custodia
Walt'i fil'i Ric'i
le Ken tradita
Andree Horn.*

Lease by Johanna, daughter of William de Harwe and late wife of William de Asshindene, to Robert de Fordham, of co. Cambridge, of a shop in the parish of St. Nicholas Shambles for a term of seven years from the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], anno 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320]. Witnesses, Roger Husbond, John de Lyndeseie, Nicholas Crane, Walter atte Belhous, Geoffrey de Langeleye, John Amis, clerk, and others [not named].

Fo. cxii b.

ijs. vjd.

Saturday before the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], came John Hereward, one of the executors of Adam de Bentele, before the Mayor and Aldermen, and acknowledged himself bound to John, son of Adam de Bentele, in the sum of £8 on account of a legacy, &c.

*Recognicio
facta
Joh'i fil'i Ade
de Bentele.*

Paid and is quit.

The same day came Ralph de Hegham, beadle of the Ward of Crepelgate, and John, son of John de Fincheham, executors of the said John Hereward, and acknowledged themselves bound to John, son of Adam de Bentele, in the sum of £9 14s.

Fos. cxiii-
cxiii b.

Letters patent confirming the Statute made at Winchester, 8 Oct., 13 Edward I. [A.D. 1285], enacting that cry be made of felonies and "fresh suits" pursued from town to town, &c., for the better preservation of the peace. Dated at Canterbury, 18 June, 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320].

¹ See 'Statutes at Large' (ed. 1758), i. 117-20.

Fo. cxiv.

*Breve R^o ad
inquir^o de
felon^o, etc.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs enjoining them to inquire into felonies and other trespasses committed contrary to the Statute of Winchester, a copy of which is enclosed under the King's seal. Dated at Canterbury, 18 June, 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1320].

*Custodia filior^o
[sic] Joh^ois de
Wynton^o.*

Monday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], the guardianship of Cristina, Alice, Johanna, and Agnes, children (*puerorum*) of John de Wynchester, barber,¹ entrusted to Johanna, relict of the said John, by Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, together with their property, comprising rents and tenements in "Bercherneresslane" in the parish of St. Edmund the King and Martyr, as well as at Rotheresgate,² and in the parish of St. Dionis Bakecherche, at one time belonging to Richard de Hodesdone, Thomas de Perendone, Gilbert atte More, and Hugh de Waltham. Mention made of Salomon, a son of the aforesaid John de Wynchester by his first wife. Sureties, viz., Robert de Lemyngtone, John de Bristolle, barber, and Reginald de Croidone.

Fo. cxiv b.

*Punicio
tonelli.*

Temp. Nicholas de Farndone, Mayor, anno 14 Edwardi II.

Sunday before the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], Emma, daughter of William le Wirdrawiere, of York, arrested by William "Official," Serjeant of the Ward of Cheap, and set in the Tun, for being found wandering after curfew rung at St. Martin le Grand with a certain fardel of cloth.³

*De Rob^oto de
Foxton^o.*

Tuesday the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], a letter of Privy Seal from the King to the Mayor, Aldermen, and good men of the City read, complaining that a pension of 100s. granted at his request to Robert de Foxtone was in arrear. Dated at Westminster, 21 Oct., 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320].⁴

Thereupon it was agreed that the aforesaid pension should be paid to the said Robert for life, he making oath that he

¹ His will enrolled in the Husting in March, 1320. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 286.

² *Vide supra*, p. 107, note.

³ 'Memorials,' p. 140.

⁴ The letter set out in full in 'Memorials,' pp. 140, 141.

would serve the City well and truly in every way he could, in the presence of Nicholas de Farndone, the Mayor, Richard de Gloucestre, Hugh de Gartone, Simon de Parys, Roger de Frowyk, Simon de Abyndone, and Elias de Suffolk, Aldermen, John Priur, senior, William de Bodeleghe, Robert le Callere, Robert le Bret, Robert de Piphurst, Thomas Rys, Elias le Callere, Roger Hosebond, John Sterre, William de Hakford, Gilbert de Mordone, John Saleman, William de Elsynge, Geoffrey Beauflur, Richard de Hakeneie, Richard de Rothying, "pheliper," Henry de Norhamptone, Alan ate Warf, Nicholas Ponge, Nicholas Dereman, Philip Lucas, Richard de Lomhethe, Simon de Parys, junior, William de Dorkynge, Ralph de Blithe, Hugh Matefrei, Henry "the hore," William atte Gate, Walter de Elmedone, William Braie, Adam Pikeman, Wymond Broth[er], Robert Podifat, &c.

The same day the freedom of the City was granted to the said Robert, and he was admitted and sworn, &c.

Deed whereby Richard de Rothyinge, pheliper, covenants to find John Albon, son of Godwin le Pheliper, in food and clothing for a term of two years from Christmas, anno 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], as well as to instruct him in his own trade. Witnesses, Henry de Norhamptone, William de Grenstede, Bartholomew de Bordesle, Richard de Uggele, John de Biry, and others [not named]. Dated Friday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320].

Fo. cxv.

ijs. vj^d.

Afterwards, viz., on Thursday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], came the aforesaid John, and prayed that the above writing might be annulled, for he had caused another writing to be entered, as appears afterwards in this same paper.¹

Monday before the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], meat belonging to John Perer, John Estmar, and Reginald ate Watre, foreign butchers, seized for being exposed for sale contrary to the custom of the City, and record of subsequent proceedings thereon.²

¹ *Vide infra*, p. 145.

² Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 141, 142.

Fo. cxv b. Writ to the Sheriffs that they make preparations for an *Iter* to be held at the Tower by the King's Justices on the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.]. Dated at Westminster, 20 Nov., 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320].

The above writ was delivered to the Sheriffs on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Andrew, Ap. [30 Nov.], anno 14.

[Fo. cxvi blank.]

Fo. cxvi b. Saturday the eve of the Feast of St. Andrew, Ap. [30 Nov.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], an inquisition taken by Adam de Conduit, Thomas de Wyght, Richard de Berdefeld, Peter le Pasteler, William de Cheiham, Adam le Sakkere, John de Godestone, William le Chaundeler, Adam de Depedene, Alexander le Chaundeler, Robert de Farnham, and Thomas de Crokesle, for the purpose of discovering whether Isabella, wife of Walter de Conduit, broke a sequestration made on her goods by Joice, the Serjeant of the Chamber, during the absence of her husband abroad, and took and eloigned the goods sequestered in Bredstrate, where her husband lived, or not. They say on their oath that she broke no sequestration, nor took nor eloigned any goods, &c. Accordingly let her go quit, &c.

Temp. Sir Robert de Kendale, Warden, anno 14 Edward II.

*De remocione
Alderm' die sc'i
Gregor' pape.*

Be it remembered that on Thursday the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], anno 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320-1], Robert de Kendale, the Warden,² the Aldermen, and the Commonalty being assembled at the Guildhall, the following Aldermen were removed, viz., John de Gisorz, Alderman of the Ward of Vintry, Simon Corp, Alderman of the Ward of Cordewanerstrete, William de Caustone, Alderman of the Ward of Bradeastrete, and Stephen de Abyndone, Alderman of the Ward of

¹ Printed in 'Liber Cust.,' i. 285-287. The proceedings of this memorable *Iter*, lasting, as it did, "in bitterness and tribulation" no less than twenty-four weeks and three days, are also set out at length in the same volume (i. 287-432), but are not recorded in the Letter-Book.

² On Monday, the 23rd February—being the forty-first day of the *Iter* mentioned in the preceding note—Sir Robert de Kendale announced in the Guildhall that he had by the King's command superseded the Mayor. 'Liber Cust.,' i. 378.

Douuegate; and in place of Simon Corp removed there was elected and sworn Reginald de Conduit; in the place of the aforesaid William de Caustone was elected Henry Nazard and sworn; in the place of the aforesaid Stephen was elected John Vyvyen and sworn; in the place of the aforesaid John de Gisorz.....

William de Borham, "haberdassher," attached to appear before Hamo Godchep and Robert de Swalclyve, deputies of Sir Robert de Kendale, the Warden, on Monday the morrow of Palm Sunday [12 April], the year aforesaid, to answer Thomas de la Hay, serjeant of Reginald de Conduit, the Sheriff, for that whereas the said Thomas, by precept of the said Sheriff, [made] an execution upon the said William.....[ends abruptly].

* * * *

John Hurry, servant of John de Staneford, baker, attached and taken to the Guildhall, on 6 April, before Richard de Gloucestre and Robert de Swalclyve, deputies of the Warden, and Reginald de Conduit, Alderman, for that it was found, on the testimony of Robert de Ware and William le Pestour, who were sworn and examined, that he had used threats to Ralph de Arwe, baker, and being unable to find sureties to keep the peace he was committed to prison *quousque*, &c.

* * * *

Be it remembered that on Tuesday after *festum clausi*,¹ anno 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], there were elected six men of the City to go unto the lord the King as is commanded in the aforesaid letter, viz., Hamo de Chigewelle, Hamo Godchep, John Vyvyen, Edmund Cosyn, William de Hakford, and John Waldesheshef.

The same day it was agreed that William de Hakford should go with a common letter (*cum litera commun*) to the lord the King to obtain his favour touching the *Quo Warranto* and other writs pending in the *Iter*.²

¹ Probably meaning *Clausum Pasche*, i.e., the Sunday after Easter, or *Quasimodo* Sunday.

² Hakford's mission appears to have met with success, for we read that when the Justices resumed their sittings after Easter at the Tower to hear all pleas of the Crown, "as well

Fos. cxvii-
cxvii b.
Carta Bur-
gens' de Cole-
cestr'.

Inspeximus charter of liberties of the town of Colchester. Dated at York, 4 Feb., 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1318-19].¹

Nota.

And be it known that the above charter was not accepted by the Mayor and Aldermen, except so far that they should be quit of murage only, &c.

Fo. cxviii.
Libertas Glouc'
allocata.

Writ of Edward III. to the Mayor and Sheriffs of London bidding them allow burgesses of Gloucester and their merchandise to be quit of toll, pontage,² stallage,³ lastage,⁴ murage,⁵ kayage,⁶ pavage,⁷ passage,⁸ gildage,⁹ and gild of merchants (*gilda mercatorum*),¹⁰ according to the terms of charters granted to them by his ancestors and confirmed by himself. Dated at Gloucester, 20 Dec., 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328].

The above charter (*carta*) was seen and examined by John de Grantham, the Mayor of London, Henry de Combemartyn and Simon Fraunceys, the Sheriffs, and the Aldermen of the said City on Wednesday next before Ash Wednesday [8 March], anno 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1328-9], and it was allowed them

touching the *Quo Warranto* as other Bills," they did not display the same severity as before; for whereas they had previously acted as lions eager for their prey, they were now like lambs. This sudden change, however, on the part of the Justices is ascribed in the City's account of the *Iter* to the insurrection in Wales. 'Liber Cust.,' i. 383, 384.

¹ This charter inspects and confirms the several charters dated at Dover, 6 Dec., 1 Richard I. [A.D. 1189], and at Clarendon, 29 Nov., 37 Henry III. [A.D. 1252]. The substance of these charters is printed in Morant's 'Essex,' i. 82, 83.

² Toll for the maintenance of bridges.

³ Money paid for permission to hold a stall in a market or fair.

⁴ A custom exacted in markets and fairs for permission to buy and sell

goods in the form of a package or last.

⁵ A toll taken of carts and horses coming laden through a town for building and repairing the walls thereof.

⁶ Dues for loading or unloading a ship at a quay or wharf.

⁷ A toll levied for paving streets and highways.

⁸ Passage money levied on merchants visiting markets, fairs, &c.

⁹ Otherwise known as gild-silver, a payment made by merchant strangers for permission to trade in a town or exercise the privileges of a gild.

¹⁰ Payment exacted by the gild merchant of a town. As to the position held in various towns by the gild merchant, see Gross on 'The Gild Merchant,' 2 vols. (Oxford, Clarendon Press, 1890).

[*i.e.*, the burgesses of Gloucester] as touching this article, viz., that they thenceforth be quit of murage, kayage, pavage, passage, gildage, and the gild of merchants in the City aforesaid, &c.

[Fos. cxviii b, cxix *blank*.]

Wednesday next after the Feast of Pentecost [18 May], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], petition to the King and his Council by the vintners, taverners of London, to the effect that whereas the Mayor caused proclamation to be made at the time of the last sale (*vendenges*¹) that the said taverners should sell a gallon of wine at 3 pence and no more, and this they have hitherto done as best they could, there had now arrived some wines from Rochelle (?)² which were dearer, selling usually at 60s. up to 100 marks the tun, so that the said taverners could not afford to sell a gallon for less than 4 pence. The said taverners, moreover, were every year heavily assessed before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, and now in this *Iter* in London,³ to their great impoverishment. They pray, therefore, a remedy.

Fo. cxix.b.

*Peticio vinetar
London'.*

Wednesday before the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas [7 July], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen summoned to appear before the King at Westminster, and asked whether they were prepared to keep the City for the King, seeing that dissension had arisen between him and certain nobles of the realm.⁴

[Here follows a scheme submitted to the King on the following Saturday for safeguarding the City.⁵]

On the following Monday the Mayor and Aldermen again appear before the King, who expressed himself as satisfied with the scheme and commanded them to carry it into execution.

Fo. cxx.

¹ Or "vintage," according to Riley ('Memorials,' p. 342).

² *Du Reek* or *du Rok*. It occurs as *Rekē* in Letter-Book G, fo. cexliii. Cf. 'Memorials,' p. 343.

³ On the fourth day of the *Iter* of 1321 the Assize of Wine was set as

above mentioned, viz., a gallon of the best wine was to be sold no dearer than 3 pence, and the commoner wine at 2 pence. 'Liber Cust.' i. 303.

⁴ Owing to the King's partiality for the Despensers.

⁵ 'Memorials,' pp. 142-144.

Having neglected to carry out the King's orders, they were summoned to appear again before the King at the Tower on the following Friday, when the orders were renewed.

Thereupon, on Friday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas [7 July], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Roger de Frowik, Richard de Gloucestre, Hamo Godchep, Robert de Swalclyve, Richard Costantyn, John Cotun, Reginald de Conduit, Anketin de Gisorz, Roger le Palmere, John Poyntel, John Vyvyen, Hugh de Gartone, Henry de Seccheford, and Henry Nasard, Aldermen, and a very great Commonalty being assembled at the Guildhall, it was agreed that the keys of Neugate should be entrusted to John de Lyndeseie and Roger Hosebond; the keys of Lodagate to James le Palmere and Master Richard Larblaster; the keys of Aldresgate to Nigel de Whatele and Roger de Wyndesore; the keys of Crepelgate to Richard le Cornmongere and John de Leycestre; the keys of Bisshopesgate to Nicholas Ponge and Roger Hubert; the keys of Alegate to Adam de Cobhambire and John ate Marche; and they were to close the main gates at sunset, and keep them closed until sunrise, whilst the wickets (*guigetti*) were to be left open until curfew rung at St. Martin le Grand and then closed, not to be reopened until the first bell rung at St. Thomas de Acon. It was further ordered that each of the gates be guarded by twelve armed men at the charges of the Wards assigned below, and that the postern at the Tower and the river Thames above and below the bridge be guarded in manner following, viz.:—

Fo. cxx b.

Ludegate by the Ward of Cordewanerstrete and the half of the Ward of Farndone within (*infra*) on the south side.

Neugate, by the Ward of Chepe, the Ward of Walebroke, and the half of the Ward of Farndone on the north side.

Aldresgate, by the said Ward and the Ward of Bredstrete.

Crepelgate, by the said Ward and the Wards of Bassieshagh and Colemanstrete.

Bisshopesgate, by the said Ward, the Wards of Bradestrete and Lymstrete, and by the Teutonics.¹

Alegate, by the said Ward and the Wards of Langebourne and Cornhull.

The postern at the Tower by the Ward of St. Dunstan.²

The river to the east of the bridge by the Wards of Billyngesgate and Douuegate.

The gate on the bridge by Bridge Ward and the Ward of Candelwikstrete.

The river to the west of the bridge by the Wards of Vintry, Queenhithe, and Castle Baynard.

And thereupon a letter was sent to the Alderman of each Ward containing instructions as to the manner of keeping the said guards.

The City's answer to the King, assuring him of their allegiance and of their readiness to live and die with him. They at the same time pray an answer to their petition, as well touching the place situate before the postern as the misteries of the Fishmongers and the Vintners, and further that they may be allowed to govern the misteries and redress defaults therein according to ancient usage, and that the citizens may be relieved from the inconveniences of the King's Marshalsea.³ [No date.]

Letter to the disaffected lords, begging them not to believe the evil reports touching the City, for the citizens would not aid the Dispensers, nor any other enemy to the King and country, nor would they oppose any measures taken by the lords. They are not to be offended with the citizens for placing the City in a state of defence by day and night, inasmuch as it was done for the preservation of the peace on the King's behalf and on their own.⁴ [No date.]

Monday the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], Nicholas de Farndone, Anketin de Gisorz, and

Fo. cxxi.

*Respons' Regi
dat' per civi-
tatem.*

Fo. cxxi b.

¹ The Hanse merchants, who were bound to take a share in guarding this gate whenever necessary. See 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 242.

² An unusual name of Tower Ward.

³ Referring apparently to questions

that had arisen at the *Iter* of 1321. See 'Liber Cust.,' i. 297, 301-2, 362-5, 385-406.

⁴ Printed in 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. p. 296, where the date given is 1 Aug., 1321.

*Auditores
comp^t custod^r
pont [et]
Camerar^r.*

Reginald de Conduit, Aldermen, and William de Hakford, Robert le Bret, and Robert de Pipehurst, commoners, elected auditors of the account of John Sterre and John Vyvyen, Wardens of the Bridge, and also auditors of the account of Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain.

Fo. cxxii.

Temp. Sir Robert de Kendale, Warden.

Grant by Walter de Wynchester, cordwainer, and Sabine his wife, daughter of Thomas de Derby, to William de Partenhale, blader, of a tenement in the parish of St. Alban de Wodestrate for a term of twelve years, at an annual rent of 2 marks for the first six years, and 2½ marks for the last six. Witnesses, Robert de Suttone, Alexander Lorbatur, John de Wynchester, Adam le Barber, John de Hegham, John de Luda, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Sunday the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320-1].

[Fo. cxxii b blank.]

Fo. cxxiii.

Temp. Hamo de Chigewelle, elected Mayor for the second time on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Augustine [26 May], anno 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

Deed of assignment by Richard de Gaytone, "violour," to Frisot de Montclar of certain rents and shops in the parishes of St. Antonin and St. Benet Fynk, which had come into the grantor's possession through default made by John Vanne under a bond. Dated 22 April, 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1321]. Witnesses, Simon Corp, Hugh de Gartone, and others [not named].

Saturday before the Feast of St. Augustine [26 May], 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], came Stephen, son of Simon de Hadestoke, before the aforesaid Mayor, and of his own free will offered half a mark for not being in scot and lot, like other freemen of the City; and because he is poor and helpless (*impotens*) and free-born his trespass was discharged by the aforesaid Mayor for the aforesaid half-mark, &c.

Grant by William de Kaneforthe, saddler, and Agnes his wife to John, the eldest son of John de la Chaumbre, and John his brother, of certain rents and tenements in Cosyngeslane and

the Ropery in the parish of All Hallows in the Ropery, for a term of twelve years, and afterwards for the lifetime of the grantors, paying by the year the sum of 2 marks to John de Gildeforthe, his heirs and assigns, for all demands. Dated in the house of John de la Chaumbre in the parish of H. Trinity the Less on Thursday *in paraceve*,¹ the year aforesaid. Witnesses, Mankyn le Heaumer, John de Leuesham, William Trompeor, Henry ate Ryole, William Barri, and others [not named].

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two of the more discreet of the citizens to represent the City in a Parliament to be held at Westminster three weeks after the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June].² Dated at Westminster, 15 May, 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

Fo. cxiii b.

And be it known that this writ was delivered by the Sheriffs to the Mayor and Aldermen the 8 July, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321]. And return was made in these words, viz.: We send you Nicholas de Farndone, Hamo Godchep, John Sterre, and Thomas Prentiz, all, three or two of them having full and sufficient authority to act as in the writ is commanded.

Agreement between Richard de Rothyng, pheliper, and John Albon, son of Godwyn le Pheliper, as to terms on which the said Richard is to find the said John in board, lodging, and clothing, and teach him his trade. Witnesses, Henry de Norhamptone, William de Grenstede, John de Bury, Bartholomew de Bordesle, and others [not named]. Dated Thursday before the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].³

ijs. vjd.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], the guardianship of John, son of John de Beverlee, aged five years, entrusted to Simon de Parys the elder by Hamo de Chigewell, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farn-done, Robert de Swalclyve, Roger le Palmere, Robert Sely,

Fo. cxxiv.

*Custodia Joh'is
fil' Joh'is de
Beverle.*

¹ Thursday "in the preparation" for the Passover, *i.e.*, the day before Good Friday.

² Parliament sat from 15 July to 22 August. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. ii. p. 258 n.

³ Cf. *supra*, p. 137.

and Reginald de Conduit, Aldermen, together with the property of the said infant.

Thursday after the Feast of Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.] inquisition taken before the above Mayor and Nicholas de Farndone, Richard de Gloucestre, Robert de Swalclyve, Anketin de Gisorz, Reginald de Conduit, Roger le Palmere, Hugh de Gartone, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, as to the extent of the property aforesaid by oath of twelve good men, viz., Randolf de Louthe and others [not named]. The following names mentioned in the return made by the jury, viz., Gilbert de Stratford, William Newecoke, James "Maucovenant," Alexander and Robert le Chaundeler, John de Essex, and Agnes his wife.

Tuesday in the octave of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], in the presence of Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Robert de Swalclyve, Richard Costantyn, Elias de Suffolk, John Cotun, Anketin de Gisorz, Roger le Palmere, Henry de Seccheford, Robert Sely, and John Poyntel, Aldermen, the Commonalty were asked whether they agreed to murage being levied for the repair of the City's walls and the cleansing of the ditches, and if so, they were to appoint collectors for the purpose as well as Wardens of the Bridge. They accordingly elected John Sterre, who before was Warden, and Robert de Piphurst to keep ward of the bridge. They likewise elected Hamo de Chigewell, the Mayor, Reginald de Conduit, Edmund Cosyn, and John de Wymundesham to be collectors of the murage, &c.; and each Alderman in his Ward, together with two of the better men of the Ward, were to assess every inhabitant for providing men for cleansing the ditches.

The same day John de Prestone, corder, was elected and sworn Alderman of Douuegate, and Robert le Callere, Alderman of Cordewanerstrete.

Fo. cxxiv b.

It was agreed that on the Wednesday following the inhabitants of the Wards of Bisshopesgate, Bradestrete, Cornhull, Tower, and Billyngesgate should provide men for cleansing the said ditches on that day.

The inhabitants of the Wards of Bridge, Lang[bourn], Candelwikstrete, Walebroke, and Alegate should provide cleansers for the Thursday following.

The inhabitants of Douuegate, Vintry, Cordewanerstrete, Colemanstrete, and Lymstrete for Friday.

The inhabitants of the Wards of Chepe, Bredstrete, Crepelgate, Bassieshawe, and Castle Baynard for Saturday.

The inhabitants of the Wards of Farndone, Queenhithe, Aldresgate, and Portsoken for the following Monday.

William de Touuetime, who had been sworn to go to Ledes¹ in place of Simon Turgys, attached and brought before the Mayor and Aldermen on Saturday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], for that the said William.....[blank].

Be it remembered that on Saturday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], there being assembled at the Guildhall Hamo de Chigwell, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and a very great Commonalty, the question was put to the Commonalty by Robert de Swalclyve, the Recorder, as to what punishment they wished to inflict upon those who disobeyed the summons to attend, and if they wished the defaulters to be fined (*in misericordiam incidere*). The Commonalty answer and say that they do not wish defaulters on this summons to be fined, but that if men be summoned from each Ward, and they do not all appear, those that appear should have authority to make such ordinances for the whole Commonalty, in conjunction with the Mayor and Aldermen, as may seem for their good, and that such ordinances shall become confirmed and established, &c.

¹ The wife of Sir Bartholomew de Badlesmere had recently closed the doors of Leeds Castle, co. Kent, against Queen Isabella in the absence of her husband, and the King had, with the assistance of a contingent sent by the City, avenged the insult by laying siege to and capturing the castle. ('Chron. Edw. I. and II.,' vol. i. pp. 298, 299.) William de Touuetime appears to have been

sworn a member of the City force as a substitute for Simon de Turgys and to have made default. That the City's conduct on this occasion in supplying the King with a military force to serve outside the City should not be made a precedent was guarded against by a special charter dated 12 Dec., 1321. (Preserved at the Guildhall.)

*Ordina io as-
sessionis mille
libr' a^o xxv.*

Wednesday the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], in the presence of Hamo de Chigewell, the Mayor, Richard de Gloucestre, Robert de Swalclyve, John Cotun, John de Prestone, Simon de Abyndone, Roger de Frowyk, Robert Sely, John Poyntel, Elias de Suffolk, Hamo Godchep, William de Hedersete, Reginald de Conduit, Roger le Palmere, Henry de Seccheford, and Richard Costantyn, Alderman and Sheriff, Hugh de Gartone, Robert le Callere, Anketyne de Gisorz, Aldermen, and Richard de Hakeneie, Sheriff, and a very great Commonalty, it was agreed that an assessment should be made of rents and movables, viz., on every pound a certain sum, according to the discretion of the said Mayor and Aldermen, up to the amount of £1,000; so that out of the said sum of £1,000 payment might be made to the Serjeants who were at the *Iter* as well as to those having the seal of the Commonalty for money owing, and all others to whom the City was indebted; and that out of the said £1,000 Hamo de Chigewell, the Mayor, should have 200 marks for his expenses incurred for the City's honour; that Reginald de Conduit should have 100 marks for his great trouble at the time of the *Iter* when he was Sheriff; and that those who served on juries (*qui de duodenis erant*) at the *Iter* should have a portion for their trouble, &c.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday before Easter [11 April] the same year [A.D. 1322], there being assembled at the Guildhall Hamo de Chigewell, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Richard de Gloucestre, John de Boreford, Elias de Suffolk, Robert de Swalclyve, Roger de Frowik, Roger le Palmere, and Hugh de Gartone, Aldermen, Richard Costantyn and Richard de Hakeneie, Sheriffs, and the Commonalty, it was agreed that 3s. in the pound on rents should be levied, so that the sum arising out of rents may amount to £1,000, and that on movables 500 marks in all should be levied, so that out of the said money the debts of the City might be fully discharged, and satisfaction likewise done to the jurors at the *Iter*.

FO. CXXV.

Wednesday before the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], it was agreed by Hamo de Chigewell,

the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty that John Sterre and his fellow Warden of London Bridge should out of the money of the Bridge repair well and sufficiently the wharf of St. Botolph's and houses, so that the said wharf and houses remain in the hands of the said Wardens and others for the time being, until they shall have levied out of the profits of the same the amount expended, &c.

*De kaio Sc'i
Botulphi, etc.*

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday the morrow of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], it was again agreed by Hamo de Chig[well], the Mayor, N[icholas] de Farndone, R[obert] de Swalclif, R[eginald] de Conduit, R[ichard] de Hakneie, J[ohn] de Oxford, R[obert] Sely, J[ohn] de Grant-ham, W[alter] de Pappeworth, H[enry] de Secch[ford], R[oger] le Palmere, Aldermen, and Benedict de Fulsham, one of the Sheriffs, that whereas the houses and wharf of St. Botolph near Billyngsgate were in such a ruinous state that they brought no profit to the City, John Sterre and Roger atte Vigne, the Wardens of London Bridge, should cause them to be repaired out of the issues of the Bridge, the money to be repaid as the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being may ordain.

*Adhuc de kaio
Sc'i Bot'i.*

Letters patent granting a royal pardon to the City for neglecting to keep watch on those taking sanctuary in churches, provided that in future such fugitives be safeguarded in the City according to law and custom, in the same manner as in other parts of the realm. Witness the King at Westminster, 3 June, 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].¹

Fo. cxxv b

A memorandum to the effect that the above letters patent are preserved with the Roll of *Exigenda* in the chest wherein the Great Seal is commonly kept.

Writ to Hervey de Staunton and his fellow-justices itinerant at the Tower to the effect that whereas many dozen jurors (*quamplures duodene juratorum*), elected by the citizens from the twenty-four Wards for Pleas of the Crown, had attended each day at the Tower before them at their command, and had been prevented from attending to their own business and

*Br'e missum
Justic'
Itin'ant' apud
Turr' pro duo-
denis, etc.*

¹ Printed in 'Liber Cust.' (i. 346) | the *Iter*. The original letters patent among the proceedings recorded of | are preserved at the Guildhall.

merchandise as theretofore, and thereby had incurred no little expense and loss day by day, the King, wishing to indemnify the said jurors as far as possible without offence to justice, commands the said Justices to pay the said jurors their reasonable expenses according to the time of their attendance, as is the custom to be done at other *Iters* in like case, &c. [No date.]

Fo. cxxvi.

Inspeximus Charter confirming charter granted by Edward I., anno 13, to the burgesses of St. Omer in Flanders. Dated at Westminster, 28 Feb., 13 Edward II. [A.D. 1319-20].

A note to the effect that the above Charter was enrolled by order of Hamo de Chigwell, the Mayor, Wednesday after the Feast of All Souls [2 Nov.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

*Litera R' missa
Maiori de les
Mortymers
qualiter se
reddiderunt.*

Letter of Privy Seal to the Mayor and citizens of London notifying them that the King had arrived at Shrewsbury, where the Mortymers, uncle and nephew,¹ had come to him on the 22nd January, and had made submission, and that he was proceeding to "Lodelawe"² for the purpose of executing justice and comforting his people. The citizens are therefore charged to bear themselves well on the King's behalf, for matters promise well for the King with God's help. Dated at Shrewsbury, 22 Jan., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].³

Fo. cxxvi b.

*Script Rob
de Brandone.*

Acknowledgment by Robert de Brandone, late apprentice of Geoffrey de Brandone, mercer, and Johanna his wife, daughter of the said Geoffrey, of the receipt of the sum of £40 paid by Robert the parson of the chapel of Islynggham,⁴ Alice, wife of the aforesaid Geoffrey, William de Elsyngge, mercer, and Thomas de Cauntebrigge, executors of the aforesaid Geoffrey, who left the money by will in trust for his aforesaid daughter.

ijs. vjd.

¹ Roger Mortimer of Chirk and Roger Mortimer of Wigmore, his nephew, the former being a son and the latter a grandson of Roger Mortimer, the friend and ally of Edward I. Both had joined in the general outcry against the King's new favourites, the Despencers, father and son; but taken by surprise at the King's activity, and disappointed in not receiving help

from the Earl of Lancaster, they yielded themselves prisoners to the King at Shrewsbury, as described in this letter. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 346n., 347, 349; 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. ii. p. 264.

² Ludlow, co. Salop.

³ Another copy of the letter appears *infra*, p. 161.

⁴ Isleham, co. Camb.

Dated Monday after the Epiphany [6 Jan.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].

Grant by Adam Silvis, blader, and Agnes his wife, to John de la Chaumbre, clerk, of a parcel of land situate near the property of Henry le Coupere for a term of ten years from Christmas, anno 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], for the sum of 5½ marks in hand paid. Witnesses, William Barry, John de Leuesham, Thomas Schial, Matthew le Haumer, William de Waltham, baker, William Trompour, and others [not named]. Dated the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord, in the parish of H. Trinity the Less, in the house of John de la Chaumbre aforesaid, in the aforesaid year.

*Scriptum
Joh'is de la
Chaumbre,
clerici.*

Letter of Privy Seal from the King to the Mayor of London. He had been given to understand that some great men who were opposed to him (*qe nos contrariant*¹) had been received in the City within the last three days. He therefore bids the Mayor to make inquiries on the matter and to inform him of the result of such inquiries. The Mayor is further charged to prevent these great men and their allies from taking up their abode in the City, and forthwith to send the King an answer in respect of those matters about which they had been instructed on the King's behalf by his dear cousin the Earl of Pembroke, no such answer having yet been made. Dated at Stratford atte "Boghe," 17 Nov., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].²

Fo. cxxvii.

*Die Mercurii
prox' ante festum
Scti Edmundi Confes-
soris anno r'
R. E. xvp
missa fuit
Maiori hec
littera in hec
verba Edward.*

Pursuant to the above command the two letters following, one of them being under the seal of the Commonalty and the other under the Mayor's seal, were sent to the lord the King.

The Aldermen and good folk of London to the most high and most excellent Prince Sir Edward, &c. They had been given to understand by the Mayor and others that he had desired to have security given to him under the Common Seal

*Quomodo com-
munitas remi-
sit d'no R' cau-
sam de non fa-
ciend' litteram
obligatoriam.*

¹ In the accounts relating to the possessions of the Earl of Lancaster and his adherents, and preserved in the Public Record Office, they are not styled rebels or traitors, but "contrariants."

² On 15 Nov. the King had issued

a. writ to the Sheriffs, notifying his intention to put down sedition in various parts of the country, and ordering them to safeguard the City in his absence. Rymer's 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 460.

according to a form prescribed. He is reminded that the writers had already undertaken in his presence to safeguard the City under penalty, than which there could be no higher obligation, as it seemed to them; whereas the Common Seal binds everybody, good and otherwise, and would imperil the good men in case of the bad men being guilty of misprision, an evil which they were sure the King did not desire. They pray therefore to be excused. Dated 19 Nov., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, to the King. Search had been made for the great men who, the King had been given to understand, had taken up their abode in the City, but they could not be found. If they should be found at any time they should be dealt with as the King had commanded. Touching the matter of the security which the King had charged him to submit to the Commonalty,¹ the Commons (*le Commun*) would certify the King under their Common Seal; and as regards the sum of £20 12s. which Roger atte Watre, the King's Serjeant, demands on account of those who were in the King's service at Ledes, it was understood that this was given of the King's courtesy, but the money would be returned if the King would signify his pleasure. The writer concludes with an oft-repeated request that the King would grant a commission for the punishment of the King's enemies (*contrariaunz*) found in the City, according to the discretion of the Mayor and Aldermen. [No date.]

Fo. cxxvii b.

The King to the Sheriffs of London, commanding the arrest of all persons circulating infamous reports or writings about the King. Dated at "Rumford," 18 Nov., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].²

Letters patent authorizing Hamo de Chigewell, the Mayor, to punish by imprisonment or otherwise those found disobeying orders made for the safe custody of the City. Dated at Aungre,³ 20 Nov., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

¹ This was probably one of the matters discussed with the Earl of Pembroke, concerning which the King had expressed surprise in his letter that he had received no answer.

² Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 460.

³ Ongar, co. Essex.

Letter of Privy Seal to the Mayor acknowledging the receipt of his letter and reiterating the King's commands touching the safeguarding the City. As to the security under the Common Seal which the King had formerly demanded, he insists upon having it. With respect to the sum of £20 12s. paid to the men sent by the City to Ledes, it was paid by the King's Serjeant, Robert atte Watre, on his own account, and as a favour, and the King desires that it be repaid. As for the commission for punishing contrariants, the King had ordered it to be made out, and it would be sent by the bearer. Dated at Aungre, 22 Nov., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].¹

Hamo de Chiggewell, the Mayor, to the King. Inasmuch as the King had commanded him to send an answer in writing as to the wishes of the Commonalty, he is informed that the whole Commonalty had been summoned before the Mayor, and that, whilst expressing their willingness to live and die with the King as in duty bound, they were of opinion that the promise made before the King himself to safeguard the City for him ought to suffice, and they beg to be excused giving any other security. Dated 3 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, to the King, notifying that the citizens had agreed of their good will to send 300 armed men to the King's aid, with which number he hopes that the King will be satisfied. The citizens pray to be excused from attending the King in force (*aforceement*) as commanded,² and desire him to grant a writ of Privy Seal (*brief desough la targe*) to the Chancellor to the effect that neither this grant nor the grant sent to the King's assistance at Ledes shall be to the

Fo. cxxviii.

*Quomodo dn's
Rex voluit
omni modo ha-
buisset literam
obligatoriam de
communi si-
gillo signatam.*

*Responsio ci-
vium de non
faciend' novam
obligacionem
contra anti-
quum statum
civitatis.*

Fo. cxxviii b.

*Litera Maioris
de ecc peditibus
R' concessis.*

¹ At the close of the month the King dispatched another writ to the Mayor informing him of a convocation about to assemble in London (for the purpose of getting the clergy to declare the recent proceedings by the lords against the Dispensers to be illegal), and bidding him keep a watchful eye over those who make the convocation a pretext for gain-

ing admission to the City. Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 461; Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.' ii. 348.

² This probably refers to a charter of "service," *i.e.*, a charter binding the citizens to serve the King in future wars, which the King wanted to impose on the City. Aungier, 'French Chron.' (Riley's translation), pp. 254, 255.

prejudice of their franchise or become a precedent. Lastly they pray that their franchises and free customs which were being considered by the King and his Council may meet with favour. [No date.]

*Littera d'ni R'
missa Maiori
Lond' de peditibus habendis
versus Cire-
cestr'.*

Letter of Privy Seal to the Mayor, complaining that the City had only sent 300 men to the King's assistance, whereas they had formerly sent 500 men to assist the King in the North and 400 to Ledes. Moreover he had given no particulars as to the time of their arrival, their length of stay, nor who was to pay them, whereby it seemed that the citizens took the King's affairs less to heart than they were accustomed. The Mayor is straitly enjoined to come to the King with the great men of the City in a body with horses and arms as previously ordered. A final answer is to be sent to the King, wherever he may be, on Saturday next. Dated at "Langele Marroys,"¹ 10 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

*Littera Maioris
missa d'no R'
de peditibus sibi
concessis versus
Cyrcestre.*

Reply to the above. The King is assured of the good will of the citizens, who have granted him a force of 400 and more armed men, and will endeavour to raise the number to 500; the men to start on Wednesday next at the latest and to remain with the King forty days at the City's expense. He is again asked to issue a writ of Privy Seal to the effect that neither this grant of a military force nor that granted in respect of Ledes shall be drawn into a precedent, and that the franchises and free customs of the citizens may meet with favourable consideration by him and his Council. [No date.]

Fo. cxxix.

*Breve d'ni R'
diversis magnatibus Anglie
per Regem
missum ne aliquas congrega-
ciones cum
Comite Lan-
castri facerent.*

Writ sent to Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, and others, forbidding them to attend a meeting of the Earl's adherents at Doncaster, summoned for Sunday after the quinzaine of St. Martin [11 Nov.] next. Witness the King at Westminster, 12 Nov., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].²

¹ Langley Marish, co. Bucks. The King was on his way to Cirencester, where he kept Christmas. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. pp. 300-301; vol. ii. p. 264.

² Printed in Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 459. The Earl had called a meeting of the prominent members of his party at Doncaster for the 29th Nov.

Letter of Privy Seal thanking the City for furnishing 400 armed men and their promise to endeavour to increase the number to 500. They are to be dispatched to the King as soon as possible. The City is assured of the King's favour, and that instructions had been given to the Keepers of the Great Seal to make out letters under the said Seal to the effect that neither the contingent sent by the City to Leds nor the present assistance sent to the King should be drawn into precedent, according to their expressed wish.¹ As to the City's franchises, the King would take counsel and would give reasonable satisfaction. Dated at "Aldermanstone,"² 13 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

*Litera d'ni R^e
de acceptacione
peditum de
London.*

The King's letters patent addressed to all his bailiffs and liegemen, &c., to the effect that whereas Hugh le Despenser the younger had been, by judgment of the great ones of the realm, exiled and disinherited, and the said Hugh, by petition to the King, had suggested reasons for revoking the sentence pronounced against him, and had prayed that justice might be done, as the King was bound to do by reason of his coronation oath and the terms of the Great Charter, &c., the said Hugh had been taken into the King's special protection. They are warned, therefore, not to molest the said Hugh wherever he may be found in the King's realm, and to restore anything taken from him. This order to remain in force for one year. Dated at Westminster, 8 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].³

FO. CXXIX B.

*Litera d'ni R^e
ut exilium d'ni
Hugonis Junioris
le Despenseri
revocetur.*

Letter from the Commonalty of the City to the King praying him to restore to the citizens the Mayoralty in the same state as before the taking of the City into his hand, and to allow the other franchises of the City then under the consideration of his Council. He is further prayed to delay levying the estreats adjudged at the *Her* held at the Tower until the quinzaine of Easter, in consideration of the charge incurred in safeguarding the City. Dated 20 Jan., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].

*Litera commun-
nitatis missa
d'no R^e de
gratia habenda
de libertatibus
pendentibus
coram cons,
etc.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London to the effect that whereas the King had taken under his special protection both Hugh le

¹ The letters patent (or charter) to this effect, already mentioned, bear date the 12th Dec. Cf. *supra*, p. 147n.

² Aldermaston, co. Berks.

³ Printed in Rymer's 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 463.

*Breve Reg' pro
H. le Despen-
ser seniore et
juniore suscept'
in protectionem
suam.*

Dispenser the elder and Hugh le Dispenser the younger, who had been sentenced to exile by the great ones of the realm and had 'surrendered themselves to prison for justice to be done, as was more fully contained in the King's letters patent thereon to have effect for one year,¹ they (the Sheriffs) are to see that the said letters be duly proclaimed and observed. Dated at Cirencester, 25 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

*Br'e R' direc-
tum vic' ad
capiend'
Barth'm de
Batlesmere.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London for the arrest of Bartholomew de "Batlesmere" wherever he may be found in their bailiwick. Witness the King at Cirencestre, 26 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

Fo. cxxx.

*L'ra Mai-
oral' missa
d'no R' pro
quibusdam
utlagandis et
quibusdam
negociis tan-
gent' Maiorem.*

Letter from the Mayor to the King to the effect that the civic authorities being unable to proceed with the outlawries of those who were put in *exigent* at the *Iter* at the Tower until they could report to the King that such outlaws had been demanded in the King's Husting, according to the custom of the City,² they now report that such demand had been made, and nothing remained but to proceed to outlawry, and they pray the King to give them orders accordingly. They further pray that the King will give orders to the Chancellor that speedy justice be done to them in respect of certain Flemings against whom they had obtained judgment. Dated 20 Jan., 15 Edw. II. [A.D. 1321-2].

*Processus Phi-
perariorum³
de Cornhulle.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to the effect that whereas Simon "Ricoungay,"³ Richard le Taillour and Johanna his wife, William de Plomptone, William de Abyndone, John de Smalwode, Henry Avelyne de Kyngestone, Thomas le Chapman, living near Richard le Taillour, William Pilard, "oystermonger," William le Hosiere, Richard le Cartere de Suthwerk, Walter Radioun, living at Clerkenewelle, Roger Panyfader de Houndesdiche, Richard de Ware, John "Bithe Walle," William de Abyndone and Alice his wife, John de Suthwerk,

¹ It will be noticed that the letters patent recorded just above make no mention of the elder Dispenser.

² The whole procedure relative to outlawry in the City was made the subject of an inquiry at the recent *Iter*, and the questions and answers

are fully recorded in the City's 'Liber Cust.' (i. 333-338).

³ Or "Reconiai." *Vide* 'Liber Cust.,' i. 426, 427.

⁴ Phelipers or fripperers, dealers in old clothes and furniture.

"bribour," John [le] Bribour de Houndesdiche, James de Essex, Robert de Grantle, Ralph de Lenne, Peter Borel, Richard de Meltone, William de Alegate, Adam de Essex, Walter de Oxon', William Joye, "gurdeler," Nicholas de Ounde, William de Kent, William "ate White Chapele," Robert de Haderston, William de Beverle, residing at Suthwerk Barre, Henry de Litellond, John Michel, John Yorpp' (de Thorp), Roger le Hosier, Roger of the parish of St. Sepulchre, Peter of the same parish, Thomas de Cripelgate, Robert de Parnns lond, John Michel and Juliana his wife, John de Warewyk, John Pecok, John de Grauntebrigge, and John de Bedeford had sold old clothes, hose (*caligas*), and other wares by night at Cornhulle contrary to the established custom of the City, and had been forbidden to do so in future by order of Hervey de Stanton and his fellow-justices itinerant at the Tower,¹ they nevertheless continued to sell their wares, and forcibly to hold markets after vespers, the said Mayor and Sheriffs are to inquire into the matter and punish the offenders. Witness the King at Westminster, 25 Sept., 15 Edw. II. [A.D. 1321].

An inquisition accordingly held in the presence of Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, and Richard Costantyn and Richard de Hakeneie, Sheriffs, on Monday before the Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321]. The jurors, viz., Richard de Uggele, William de Bery, Richard de Are, William de Grenstede, John de Notingham, Richard Swift, Edmund de Mohaut, Richard Deveneys, William de Grantebrigge, John de Bery, Laurence le Barber, and William de Manhale, find the following guilty of unlawfully exposing wares for sale, viz., Simon Ricoungay, Richard de Oxon', taillour, Matilda his wife, Richard de Barwe, Thomas Champioun, William de Abyndone, John [de] Smalwode, Robert de la Valeie, Sarah his wife, Henry Avelyne de Kingestone, Thomas de Hodesdone, Margery his wife, Thomas le Chapman, William Pilard, "oistermonger,"

Fo. cxxx b.

¹ On 15 July a writ of certiorari touching a presentment that had been made of the doings of these fripperers had been sent to Hervey de Stanton; and on the 30th the King had sent orders to the Mayor and Sheriffs to

make proclamation against these fripperers carrying on their business after vespers had been sounded in the church of St. Thomas de Acon. See 'Liber Cust.', i. 426, 427.

Daniel le Peleter, Philip de Donstaple, Margery his wife, Richard le Cartere de Suthwerk, Andrew le Long and Margaret his wife, Nicholas de Donstaple, John le Bribour de Houndesdiche, Nicholas de Yepeswyche, Margery his wife, Robert de Stowe, John le Clerk, Cristina his wife, Richard de Ware, John "Bithewalle," Thomas de Buntingford, Robert de St. Ives, Geoffrey de Hicchen, Henry Peronele, Simon le Blake, William de Abyndone and Alice his wife, John le Bribour de Suthwerk, "Yon" le Bribour de Houndesdiche, James de Essex, Robert de Grantle, Richard de Lenne, Peter Burel, Richard de Meltone, William de Donstaple, "Amflusa" his wife, William de Alegate, Adam de Essex, William "ate Whitechapele," William de Beverle, residing at the Bar of Suthwerk, Juliana de Bassieshawe, John Michel, John de Thorp, Roger le Hosiere, Thomas de Crepelgate, John de Warwyk, Simon de Hodesdone, John Pecok, John de Grantebrigge, William Osbern, John de Bedford, John de Dounham, Clarice his wife, Robert Ramage, Simon del Crokedelane, John de Caunterburi and Leticia his wife, Agnes de Caunterburi, and Margery le Chapman.

Fo. cxxxi.

The said jurors also find Stephen le Pestour, "pessoner," Henry his son, John de Lacy, Laurence ate Gate, brewer, Hamo le Chaundeller, Amicia Laurence, wife of John de Honylane, Stephen de Rothewelle, Richard de Yetingge, and John de Salesberi to be disturbers of the King's peace and abettors of the above Simon "Ricoungai" and his fellows.

Afterwards the King issued another writ to similar effect as the above. Witness the King at Westminster, 7 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

Fo. cxxxi b.

Pursuant to the above writ the aforesaid Simon "Ricongay," Robert de la Valeye, Thomas de Hodesdone, Nicholas de Donstaple, John le Clerk, Richard de Lenne, John de Dounham, and Simon del Crokedelane were attached on Wednesday before the Nativity of the Lord, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], to answer a charge of having disobeyed the order of the Justices at the Tower. Thereupon they come and plead not guilty, and demand a jury of the venue (*de visneto*) of Walebrok, Bradestret, Chepe, and Cornhill, against Thursday the morrow of St. Hillary

[13 Jan.] next, and it was granted by mainprise, viz., to the said Simon Ricongay by mainprise of William le Forbour of the Poultry and Richard de Uggele; to Robert de la Valeye by mainprise of John Cristemasse and Edmund Mohaut; to Thomas de Hodesdone by mainprise of Robert le Hore and Robert de Stowe; to Nicholas de Dunstaple by mainprise of John le Hore and Robert le Hore; to John le Clerk by mainprise of Walter de Stebbenheth and Adam "in the lane"; to Richard de Lenne by mainprise of John le Hore and Nicholas de Donstaple; to John de Dounham by mainprise of Henry de Norhamtone and Richard de Rothingge; to Simon del Crokedelane by mainprise of Henry Peronele and Henry de Stowe.

On the day appointed the said Simon and the rest came, as also the jury, viz., Elyas de Thorp, Geoffrey de Shrouesbury, Simon de Thorp, Simon le Fondour, William de St. Alban, Roger Priour, Henry de Bramptone, Walter ate Holte, William de Manhale, Peter le Coffrer, Peter de Pencriche, and Robert Saylebien, who find them guilty. They are thereupon committed to prison, but afterwards released on payment of fine.

Writ to the Sheriffs of London to take into the King's hand the lands, tenements, rents, chattels, wardships, and marriages (not already seized) within their bailiwick belonging to Humphrey de Bohoun, Earl of Hereford and Essex, Roger de Mortimer of Wigemor, Roger de Mortimer de Chirk,¹ Roger Damori,² Hugh de Audele,³ senior, Maurice de Berklee,⁴ senior,

Fo. cxxxii.

*Breve R^o ad
cap^o terr^o com^o
Heref^o et al^o
in manus
ipsius R^o.*

¹ Uncle of the preceding (*vide supra*, p. 150n.). After making submission to the King in Jan., 1322 (*vide supra*, p. 150), he remained several years a prisoner in the Tower, where he died in August, 1326. His body was conveyed to Chirk Castle, co. Denbigh, where he was buried like his grandfather and great-grandfather before him. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' i. 312.

² Roger D'Amory, like Hugh le Despenser the younger and the younger Hugh de Audley, married

one of the three sisters and coheiresses of Gilbert de Clare, Earl of Gloucester. In the following March (1322) he was captured at Tutbury, and soon afterwards died. *Id.*, ii. 75, 268.

³ Taken prisoner with the Mortimers. *Id.*, ii. 74.

⁴ Made prisoner with John de Wylngtone and others at Bannockburn in 1314. Two years later he had assisted the King to reduce Bristol by cutting off all approach by water. In 1321 he joined the Barons in their attack on the Despensers. In the

and Maurice and Thomas his sons, John de Wilyngtone,¹ Henry Tyeis,² Bartholomew de Batlesmere,³ Robert de Wateville,⁴ Robert de Walkefare,⁵ John de la Beche, Philip de la Beche, Ralph Gyffard, John de Chelmeresford, Bartholomew de Borghersh, Thomas de Aledone,⁶ Walter Colpeper,⁷ Thomas Colpeper,⁸ Thomas de Chidecroft, and Richard de Chidecroft, and account for the same to the King's Chamber. Witness the King at Cirencestre, 27 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

*Breve R^o
direct vic^o ad
liberand^o Ha-
moni de Chig-
well et soc^o suo
custodiam pre-
dict^o terr^o, etc.*

Writ to the same to deliver the property seized in pursuance of the above to Hamo de Chigwell and Gilbert de Wigetone for safe custody. Witness the King at Wynchecoumbe,⁹ 28 Dec., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

following February (1322) submitted to the King and kept prisoner in Wallingford Castle, where he died after making an abortive attempt to escape. *Id.*, ii. 206, 222, 265, 273-5.

¹ Like Maurice de Berkley and Bartholomew de Badlesmere, he had taken part in reducing Bristol for the King, and like them had also sided with the Barons, under the Earl of Lancaster, against the Despensers. After the fall of Lancaster he fled to Bristol, and was there hanged on 5 April, 1322. *Id.*, ii. 222, 302.

² "Tyeys" or "Tyes." After the defeat of the Earls at Boroughbridge (16 March, 1322) he was carried through the midst of the City and hanged in a parti-coloured costume (*in una gonella quartilata de viridi et croceo*). *Id.*, i. 303.

³ Another of those who were compelled to break with the King owing to the Despensers. In November last (1321) Edward had laid siege to the castle of Leeds, co. Kent, one of the estates of Bartholomew de Badlesmere, to avenge an insult offered to his Queen (*vide supra*, p. 147), and Lady Badlesmere, together with Bartholomew de Burghersh, Walter Colpeper

(whose names are mentioned in the writ), and others who defended the castle, were eventually made prisoners and sent to the Tower. Badlesmere himself was absent from the castle at the time, but he was afterwards taken at Stow Park, and hanged at Canterbury in Easter week (1322). *Id.*, ii. 262; Aungier, 'Fr. Chron.' (Riley's trans.), pp. 254-5.

⁴ Made prisoner at Boroughbridge with John de Wilyngtone and Philip de la Beche, mentioned in the writ. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' i. 302.

⁵ Imprisoned in Corfe Castle, whence in 1326 he contrived to make his escape. 'Chron. Edw. I. and II.,' i. 311.

⁶ Thomas de Aldone is said by some to have been castellan of Leeds at the time of the siege. Hasted's 'Hist. of Kent,' p. 474 n.

⁷ Hanged at Winchelsea in Nov., 1322. Aungier, 'Fr. Chron.' (Riley's trans.), p. 254; 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' i. 299.

⁸ The castellan of Leeds Castle who refused admittance to Queen Isabella. Hasted's 'Hist. of Kent,' p. 474.

⁹ Co. Glouc.

Another copy of the King's letter addressed to the Mayor and citizens of London informing them of the surrender of the Mortimers at Shrewsbury. Dated at Shrewsbury, 22 Jan., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].¹

*Litera d'ni R^o
qualit' les Mor-
timers se redd^t
eidem d'no R^o.*

Thursday the eve of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], there being assembled a very great Commonalty at the Guildhall for the election of a Mayor, and Hamo de Chigwell being elected,² it was announced before the said Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty that Joice, the Serjeant of the Chamber, was feeble and unable to execute recognizances and other duties appertaining to his office. Thereupon the Commonalty, having respect to his long service, granted him an annuity of 40s., and elected Ralph Borghard to be Serjeant, and he was forthwith sworn.

*Concessio xls.
facta Joceo le
sergeant Ca-
mere per com-
munitatem.*

*De eleccione
Rad'i Borg-
hard in ser-
vient.*

Thursday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2], Roger de Barwe, Henry Peronele, Peter Burel, "Richard" de Meltone, Roger le Hosiere, Robert Ramage, William Pilard, "oistermonger," Daniel Peleter, Andrew le Lung, Nicholas de Yepeswych, Robert de Stowe, Thomas de Buntynghford, Simon Blake, Robert de Grantle, William ate Whitechapele, William Osbern, John de Bedeford, and Agnes de Canterbury attached for exposing old cloth and other goods for sale at Cornhull, contrary to the orders of Hervey de Stanton and his fellow-justices itinerant at the Tower. Roger de Barwe, Henry Peronele, Peter Burel, "Roger" de Meltone, Roger le Hosiere, and Robert Ramage plead guilty; the rest plead not guilty, and demand a jury of the venue of Walebroke, Bradestret, Chepe, and Cornhull. Sureties for the latter, viz., John Waldechefe, Gregory de Nortone, John de Notingham, Edmund Mohaut, Ralph le Chaundeller, Hervey de Bery, Hugh de Wygorn', Ralph de Empingham, John de Bromstede, William de Bery, Richard Uggele, William Mabely, Andrew de Wattone, and Robert de Stowe. The jurors, viz., Elyas de Thorp, Geoffrey de Schrouesbury, Simon de Thorp, Simon le Foundour, William de St. Alban, Roger Priour, Henry de Bramptone, William ate Holte, William de Manhale, Peter le

Fo. cxxxii b.

*Articuli
Phelipar.*

¹ Cf. *supra*, p. 150.

| ² Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 31.

Coffrer, Peter de Pencriche, and Robert Saylebien, find them all guilty except Agnes de Canterbury. A dāy given to come up for judgment, the following sureties being found, viz., Robert de Foxtone, Simon le Blake, Andrew de Wattone, Robert de Stowe, William ate Whitechapele, William Pilard, Richard de Grantle, John Bithewalle, Hugh de Gartone, William de Hakford, Richard de Uggele, John de Bomstede. Judgment given that they be committed to prison. Afterwards they are released on payment of various fines.

Fo. cxxxiii.

Articuli Armurariorum.

Regulations made by the Armourers of London at the Hust-ing of Common Pleas held on Monday the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].¹

Fo. cxxxiii b.

Custodia pueror' Joh' is Neweman.

At the Husting of Common Pleas held on Monday after the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2], the guardianship of Thomas, son of John Neweman, "tanner," and of Johanna, Cristina, and Alice, daughters of the same, and the sum of £16 belonging to the said children, were entrusted to [blank], widow of the same,² by Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Robert de Swalclyve, Richard de Gloucestre, Roger le Palmere, and the rest of the Aldermen. Sureties, viz., William le Fourbour of the Ward of Chepe, and Richard le Cordewaner of Bridge Ward. And be it known that the said Thomas was at that time aged three years, Johanna seven years, Cristina five years, and Alice three years.

Scriptum Will'i de Pertenale.

ijjs. vjd.

Grant by Roger Beleng' and "Maisanda" his wife to William de Pertenale of 10s., annual rent charged on their shop in Wodestrate for a term of twelve years. Witnesses, John de Leicestre, John le Hore, Roger de Mymmes, John le Brewer, John de Mymmes, Richard le Hoder, Adam le Barber, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

The above deed enrolled on Monday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].

Fo. cxxxiv.

Grant by John Neel, gold-beater (*aurimalleator*), and Matilda de Kydemenstre his wife to Stephen de Berkyngege, hosier, of

¹ Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 145, 146.

² Her name appears to have been Cristina. Hust. Roll 47 (93).

certain houses, shops, and rents in Cordewanerstrete, in the parish of St. Mary le Bow, situate near the property of Thomas Brok, William de Stanes, Thomas de Manchestre and Agnes his wife, Walter de Blecchingelegh, and William de "Hankedene." To hold the same for life at an annual rent of 40s. 6d., subject to certain payments to the Prior and Convent of St. Bartholomew de Smethefelde and the Prior and Conventual Hospital of St. Mary without Bishshopesgate, and on condition that a certain Johanna Heyron enjoys the use and occupation of one of the shops demised. Witnesses, Richard de Holebeche, Ralph de Uptone, John de Writlee, Walter de Blechingelegh, Robert de Lincoln, Ralph the clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday the morrow of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].

*Scriptum
Steph'i de
Berkyng?
calligar'.*

ijs. vjd.

Writ to the Sheriffs of London that they make proclamation for a levy of armed men between the ages of sixteen and sixty to be made in the City on the footing prescribed by the Statute of Winchester,¹ to assist the King against the Scots who had again invaded the realm. Witness the King at Gloucester, 7 Feb., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].

Fo. cxxxiv b.

Another writ to the same, bidding them arrest all "contrariants" and their adherents found in the City, and make a return to the King of their estates before the first Sunday in Lent. Dated at Gloucester, 11 Feb., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].

Another writ to the same bidding them raise hue and cry against "contrariants" found in their bailiwick, and if necessary pursue them with a *posse comitatus*. Witness the King at Gloucester, 11 Feb., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].²

Proclamation in the City for a levy to be made of armed men within the ages of sixteen and sixty as prescribed by the Statute of Winchester. [No date.]

Fo. cxxxv.

Writ to the Sheriff of Middlesex in the same terms as that addressed (*supra*) to the Sheriffs of London from Gloucester under date 7 Feb., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].

¹ Stat. 13 Edward I. caps. 4-6. Cf. *supra*, p. 25; 'Liber Cust.' ii. 673.

² A similar writ addressed to the Sheriff of York is set out in Rymer's 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 473.

Letters patent addressed to the Earls, Barons, Knights, Free-men, and others of the County of Middlesex, bidding them assist the Sheriff in the levy to be made on the footing prescribed by the Statute of Winchester, and warning all who offered opposition that the Sheriff was authorized to seize their bodies and property into the King's hand. Dated at Gloucester, 15 Feb., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].

Fo. cxxxv b.

*Scriptum
mag^ri Rogⁱ
de la Bere.*

Grant by Brother John de Camelton, Prior of the house of Chikesand,¹ and the Convent of the same, of the Order of Sempringham, in the Diocese of Lincoln, to Master Roger de la Beere, clerk, of an annual rent of £16, issuing from tenements held for life by Simon le Foundour under the said Prior and Convent in the parishes of St. Mary de Colcherch, St. Stephen de Colemanstrete, and St. Mildred in the Poultry. To hold the same for a term of forty years. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Richard Costantin and Richard de Hakeneye, Sheriffs, John de Boreford, Richard de Betogne, Thomas de Betogne, John de Oxenford, Richard le Coffrer, Walter de Bardeneye, John Amis, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated at London, Christmas Eve, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].

ijs. vjd.

Deed of covenant by the above Roger that the above grant, as well as certain bonds entered into by the said Prior and Convent as well as by the said Prior, Brother Gilbert de Ormesby, visitor (*scrutator*)² of the Order of Sempringham, and Brother John de Stotfold, the cellarer of the said house of Chikesand, shall be void on payment by the said Prior and Convent to the said Roger of the sum of £180 in manner prescribed. Dated at London, Thursday before the Feast of St. Gregory, viz., 11 March, A.D. 1321[-2].

Fo. cxxxvi

*Abyndon',
Preston' nup'
vic'.*

Wednesday the morrow of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2], came Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, late Sheriffs, before the Mayor and Aldermen and rendered their account touching a sum of £126 and half a

Co. Beds.

² "Idem, qui *circator et summus
speculator* in monasteriis, *visitor*."

Vide statuta ordinis de *Sempringham*,
c. 5, 7" (Du Cange).

mark, for which they had received letters under the Common Seal of the City.

Monday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2], the hermitage near Bisshopesgate was granted for life to Stephen, called "le Roo," by the consent of Hamo de Chigwell, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Robert de Swalclyve, Roger de Frowik, Simon de Abyndone, Roger le Palmere, John de Prestone, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen sitting in full Husting of Pleas of Land, provided he lived as became a hermit, otherwise he would be expelled by the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being.

*Concessio
heremitagii.*

In the Husting of Common Pleas held on Monday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2], the Moor of Haliwell and Vynesbery,¹ appertaining to the Chamber of the Guildhall, was demised, by assent of Hamo de Chigwell, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to Robert le Joignour and Walter le Fannere for a term of seven years from Easter next at an annual rent of 4 marks. Sureties for the lessees, viz., Bernard le Carpenter and Thomas le Gardyner, who reside outside Bisshopesgate.²

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs to the effect that whereas Stephen de Abyndone, the King's Butler, to whom appertains the office of Coroner of the City of London,³ is unable to attend personally to the duties of the said office, owing to his being

FO. cxxxvi b.

*Breve pro
coronatore ad-
mittendo.*

¹ This moor, which formed a part of the manor of Finsbury, was granted by the Prebendary of Finsbury in 1315 to the Mayor and Commonalty at an annual rent of 20s. Two centuries later it was held by the City on a renewable lease. In 1769 an Act of Parliament was sought for and obtained to enable Dr. Wilson, then Prebendary, to grant a lease to the City of the prebendal estate of Halliwell and Finsbury for a term of ninety-nine years from Christmas, 1769; but for some reason or other the clause for renewal was omitted from this Act, and in 1867 the lease expired

and the estate passed into the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners. See App., Hist. MSS. Com., Ninth Report, p. 8 b; Report Co. Co., 5 March, 1868.

² 'Memorials,' p. 146.

³ Stephen de Abyndone, like Walter de Waldeshof, Henry de Say, William Trente, Adam de Rokesle, and others before him, recorded in the 'Liber Customarum' (i. 239-246) as having been Chamberlains between 4 Edward I. and 14 Edward II., appears to have been the King's Chamberlain, in contradistinction to the City's Chamberlain. It was to the King's Chamberlain, sometimes

engaged in divers parts of the realm on the King's business, he had appointed John de Ileford to be his deputy, whom they are to admit to the said office on his making oath to serve well and faithfully therein. Dated at Shrewsbury, 18 Jan., 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].

The above writ remains with the Rolls of *Exigent* in the chest with the Common Seal, &c.

*Scriptum
Joh'is de
Pykenham.*

ijs. vj^a.

Grant by Lucy, daughter of Richard Jordon, to John de Pykenham, of the moiety of a certain tenement in the parish of St. Michael "ate Corne,"¹ devised to her by will of her father proved and enrolled in the Husting, Monday, the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321].² To hold the same for a term of seven years. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigewelle, Mayor, Richard Costantin and Richard de Hake-neie, Sheriffs, Nicholas de Farndone, Alderman of the Ward, Henry de Sechford, Adam le Marbrer, Walter le Kyng, Andrew de Sechford, Robert Neucomen, Elias de Farnham, Robert le Mazerer, and others [not named]. Dated Monday after the Feast of Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].

The Aldermen and good folk of the City of London to the King, praying that whereas he had permitted Hamo de Chigewelle, who was Mayor of the City at their nomination, to remain Mayor until the quinzaine of Easter next,³ he would show them favour in respect of the said Mayoralty as well as of other franchises then under consideration of the King and his Council. Further, that whereas merchant strangers hesitated to come to the City with victuals for fear of having their goods seized, to the great loss of the King and his subjects, he may be pleased to give orders that such victuals should not be seized, so that merchants might freely comẽ, and an end be put to the sudden scarcity that had arisen in the land. [No date.]

spoken of as the King's Butler or as taker of his wines (*captor vinorum*), and not to the City's Chamberlain, that the Coronership of the City appertained. This distinction was lost sight of in the editor's introduction to 'Cal. Letter-Book B' (pp. viii-ix).

¹ Otherwise St. Michael le Quern.

² See 'Calendar of Wills, Court of Hust.', i. 289.

³ By writ dated at Gloucester, 8 Feb., 1322. Rymers, 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 473.

Saturday after the octave of Easter [11 April], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], there were elected, in the presence of Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, certain men to guard the places where corn is sold and other places in order to prevent it from being taken out of the City or removed unsold from the market, viz.:—

Meters at Queenhithe.

John du Boys, bailiff of the said hithe, John Prest, under-bailiff, Robert le Huthereve, Philip Balom, Roger le Joignour, Robert le Girdeler, Nicholas Hogge, Richard de Burgh, Andrew le Metere, Walter le Heymongere, Thomas le Ram.

Meters at Billyngesgate.

John de la Barre, John ate Marche, John de St. Magnus, William de Sandwich, "cordewaner," Robert le Clerk, John le Wharvager, Adam de Reigate, William Hamond.

Writ to the Sheriffs of London for the election of two citizens to represent the City in a Parliament to be held at York, three weeks after Easter [11 April]. Witness the King at Derby, 14 March, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321-2].

Breve R^o pro Parlamento.

Letter under the Common Seal from Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty to the King, notifying the appointment of Robert de Swalclyve, Reginald de Conduit, William de Hakford, and Gregory de Nortone, all three, or two of them to attend the above Parliament. Dated 18 April, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].¹

Litera super dicto breve, etc.

Letter from Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, and good folk of the City of London to the King, notifying that whereas the King had addressed a writ to the Sheriff of Middlesex bidding him appear in person before the King and bring with him the knights, esquires, and horsemen of the said county, the King is informed that the said county is joined (*est annex*) to the City of London, and the Sheriffs (*viscontes*) of the said City are Sheriff (*viscont'*) of the said county, and that William de Norwiz, their deputy in the said county, had gone to Wales in the King's

L'ra co'ital' missa pro vic' excusand' ne in partibus borialibus ad a'um R^o veniant, etc.

¹ The writ for this Parliament (to meet on the 2nd May) and the City's letter or commission thereon are

printed in Palgrave's 'Parl. Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 252.

service in the company of Master John Waleweyn in a matter greatly affecting the office of the Exchequer.¹ Therefore Walter Crepyn, on behalf of the county, will explain what proceedings have taken place on the King's orders, and the King is asked to excuse the presence of the Sheriffs, for without them the City could not be fitly guarded nor the King's commands executed. Dated 12 March [15 Edward II., A.D. 1321-2].

Fo. cxxxvii b. [The same] to the King, in reply to a request for an armed contingent against the Scots, expressing their readiness to furnish him with 500 foot-soldiers for forty days at the City's charges, or to provide 2,000 marks in money or victual, as the King might prefer. A reply is desired by Walter de Norwiz, Warden of the King's Treasury,² the bearer. Dated 20 April, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

Ma quod istud debitum solut' est et civitas habet inde acquietanciam. Bond entered into by the Mayor and Commonalty of the City for payment of £100 to Gerardin Johannis, Bono Philippi, Dino Forcetti, and Pietro Reynerii and their fellow-merchants of the company of the Bardi of Florence, at the Feast of the Ascension next. Dated 20 April, A.D. 1322.

Scriptum executor' test'i Galfr'i de Brandone, etc. Deed of indemnity by Robert Gumme de Keleseie, late apprentice of Geoffrey de Brandone, mercer, and Johanna his wife, daughter of the said Geoffrey, to Alice, relict of the said Geoffrey,³ Sir Robert the parson of Eselyngham,⁴ William de Elysinge, and Thomas de Cauntebrige, executors of the said

ijs. vjd.

¹ *Pur ceo qil seyt grantement del office del Escheccere.*

² Walter de Norwich became a Baron of the Exchequer in 1311, and the same year was made lieutenant of the treasurership. In 1314 he became treasurer, and was Chief Baron 1317-1329. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' i. 218 n., 285 n.

³ Her will, dated 20 March, 23 Edward III., A.D. 1349 [*sic*], was enrolled in the Husting in October, 1349 ('Cal. of Wills,' i. 612-13). In this will there is nothing to show that she had been the wife of Geoffrey de Brandon, although she founds a

chantry in the church of St. Thomas de Acon for the good of his soul and the souls of others. A will of the same date, and practically the same as that enrolled in the Husting, is recorded in a cartulary of the Mercers' Company, but there she is styled Alice de Brandon, "late wife of John de Orleton," whose soul is also to partake of the benefits of her chantry. See 'Some Account of the Hospital of St. Thomas of Acon, &c.,' by John Watney, F.S.A. (privately printed, 1892), p. 246.

⁴ Or "Islyngham" (cf. *supra*, p. 150); Isleham, co. Cambr.

Geoffrey; also acquittance from the same to the same for a certain legacy. Dated at London, Thursday after the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322]. Witnesses, Robert de Keleseie, John de Orleton, Thomas de Cauntebrige, Richard de Elsynge, Laurence le Botoner, Gerald Latoner, Robert de Moriby, clerk, and others [not named].

Letter of Privy Seal addressed to the Mayor and good folks of the City of London thanking them for their offer to provide the King with a force of 500 foot-soldiers to aid in the war with Scotland, or to give him 2,000 marks in money or victual, whichever the King might prefer. They are informed that, in order to spare the men a long march, the King prefers to have the money, which he desires to be forwarded to him before Parliament ends. He further desires, for the honour of the City, that a contingent of 100 select and trustworthy men, well apparelled, may be sent to him as a bodyguard at the City's expense. Dated at York, 1 May, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

Pursuant to the above order, all the Aldermen and twelve men from each Ward were summoned to meet on Saturday, the 15th May; on which day came Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Roger de Frowik, Richard de Gloucestre, Hamo Godchep, John de Prestone, John Poyntel, Hugh de Gartone, Robert Sely, Henry de Seccheford, Elias de Suffolk, Simon de Abyndone, Roger le Palmere, Edmund Lambyn, Richard Costantyn, Aldermen, Richard de Hakeneie, Sheriff, and a very great Commonalty.....[ends abruptly].

Lease by Hugh ate. Cok and "Cristiene" his wife to Peter Darraz and "Perounele" his wife of certain chambers in their houses situate in the parish of St. Mary de "Farncherche" for a term of seven years from Michaelmas next. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Richard de Hakeneye and Richard Costantin, the Sheriffs, Walter de Stebenheth, Richard ate Sterre, Adam "Inthelane," Richard de Merk, and others [not named]. Dated 10 May, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

Deed of acquittance by Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, and the Commonalty, to John, son of John Dode, late Chamberlain, and his co-executors, on their rendering an account of the said

Fo. cxxxviii.

*Script Petri
Darraz et
Petronill ux'
ejus per Hug'
ate Cokke.*

Fo. cxxxviii b.
*Acquielanc'
Joh'is Dode,
etc.*

late Chamberlain for the time he held office. Dated 28 March, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322]. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Robert de Swalclyve, Hamo Godchep, Elias de Suffolk, Richard de Gloucestre, John de Prestone, John Prior, Roger le Palmere, Henry de Seccheford, Robert Sely, Aldermen, Richard Costantyn and Richard de Hakeneie, Sheriffs, and William de Bodele.

Friday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], William Diry elected and sworn Warden of the Tron in the presence of Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Commonalty.

*Acquietanc'
Roberti le
Callere per
Joh' Osekyn.
nil quia
Ald'rus.*

Deed of acquittance by John, son of Robert Osekyn, late carpenter, to Robert le Callere, his guardian,¹ for his property. Dated Trinity Sunday [6 June], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

Enrolled on Monday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

FO. cxxxix.

*Inquisicio
capta super
quibusd'
armaturis
empl' in
London ad
testificand'
empcionem,
etc.*

Saturday after the Translation of St. Thomas [7 July], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], John de Kestevene, John le Clerk, "mar-chant," Henry de Herepol, Geoffrey de Rothinge, William de "Lausehell," William le Heauburger, and Saloman le Coffrer, citizens and armourers of London, sworn before Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, to inquire as to the price and value of certain armour bought by Nicholas de Tunstall and Richard Seyntes, attorneys of Henry Husee and Nicholas Gentil, late commissioned by the King to raise 500 foot-soldiers in the counties of Surrey and Sussex. They say on oath that the said Nicholas and Richard purchased of the said John de Kestevene 100 "aketones," 100 "bacinettes," and 100 gloves of iron for £80, the price of each "aketone," "bacinet," and glove being 16s., and further gave as a courtesy for the making, 12d. Also they purchased of John le Clerk, merchant, 100 "bacinettes" for £19 10s. [*sic*], the price of each being 3s. 6d.; and of Henry de Herepol, "armurer," 100 "aketones" and 100 "bacinettes" for £75, the price of each "aketone" and "bacinet" being 15s. Also of Geoffrey de Rothinge 300 pairs of iron gloves, the price of

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 82.

each pair being 12*d.* Total, £15. Also of William de "Lansehulle" 100 "aketones" and 100 "bacinettes" for £60, the price of each being 12*s.*, for which the said William received in hand 60*s.* 1*d.* Sealed with the Mayoralty Seal, and dated the day and year aforesaid.

Assignment by John de Sellynge, apothecary, to Robert his son of his life interest in a shop in Chepe, in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen, with remainder to Henry le Waleys. Witnesses, Robert le Bret, John de Castelacre, Osbert de Arcubus, Geoffrey de Subberi, Peter son of William, Thomas de Wyght, John de Foxtone, and others [not named]. Dated 1 July, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

*Scriptum Rob^{us}
fil^{ius} J. de
Sellynge.*

ijs. vja.

Afterwards, viz., on Friday after the Translation of St. Thomas [7 July], 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], came the above Robert de Sellyngge before Robert de Swalclife, Alderman, and the Chamberlain, and surrendered his interest in the above shop to his father.

Grant by the above John de Sellynge to his aforesaid son of certain quitrents issuing from a tenement formerly held by John de Hortone, in the parish of St. Nicholas Shambles, which rents he and Robert de Renham had received from the executors of Hugh de Hereford. Also to his said son he grants his interest in a tenement in the said parish under the will of Alditha, wife of John Dacet. Witnesses, Roger Hosebonde, Nicholas Crane, John de Lyndeseye, Walter de Belhous, John Champyoun, John Guyoun, and others [not named].

*Scriptum
predicti R^{oberti} de
Sellynge.*

ijs. vjd.

The above deed was enrolled on Monday after the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

Saturday before the Feast [of Translation] of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], Simon de Kynardesle and Thomas Gubion, Knts., complained to Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, that Thomas de Wynchestre, William de Braghynge, Thomas de Kent, John le Yonge, and Sampson de Waledene refused to deliver certain cloth which they had purchased on the King's behalf. The said Thomas de Wynchestre and the rest, being questioned, say that they sold

Fo. cxxxix b.

*Quoddam
mem^{orandum} de
Burellar^{um} de
Candeltwik-
strete.*

certain cloth at a certain price for the King's use, but not to the complainants. Being further questioned, they say they sold 60 pieces of cloth of Candelwickstrete¹ for the King's use to William de Marny and Roger de Berners for £153, of which they were forthwith paid £63 and half a mark, and they were ready to deliver the cloth to the said William and Roger according to contract. Thereupon the complainants say that William de Marny and Roger de Berners are in custody for some crime, and that they (the complainants) had been sent for the cloth and other necessities. The cloth is, by the Mayor's orders, to be given up, but the complainants declare that they only require 30 pieces, which they wish to take at the original price, and to this the said Thomas de Wynchestre and the others object. Eventually it was agreed that the complainants should have the 30 pieces for £43 out of the aforesaid sum of £63, the balance being kept in hand until the question of damages be settled.

Fo. cxl.

*Admissio
Joh'is Hauteyn
in Ald'm.*

Monday after the Feast of St. Laurence² [10 Aug.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], John, son of Walter Hauteyn, mercer, elected Alderman of Bradestrete Ward, and sworn, for that Henry Nasard, who formerly held the office, had not sufficient leisure from the King's business in the North.

*Admissio Ric'i
de Hakeneie
in Ald'.*

The same day, Richard de Hakeneie, woolmonger, elected and sworn Alderman of the Ward of Billyngesgate, for that William de Hedersete, the previous Alderman, being a collector of customs, had not sufficient leisure.

Auditors of the account of Elias le Callere, Walter Gorst, John Sterre, and Robert Motun, receivers of the money for the new charter and the confirmation of charters, &c., anno 12 [Edward II.],³ viz., John de Prestone, Hugh de Gartone, Roger le Paumer, Robert Sely, John Hauteyn, Thomas Prentiz, John Sellynge, John de Oxford, John Hosebond, Henry Monqoi, and John de Dallynge, senior.

¹ The cloth trade was at this time carried on for the most part by Burellers of Candlewick Street. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 113n.

² In Letter-Book D the date of

election is given as Monday the eve (*vigilia*) of St. Laurence. 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 315-16.

³ *Vide supra*, pp. 59, 60, 105, 134.

Acquittance from the King for the sum of 1,200 marks, part of 2,000 marks which the citizens had promised in aid of the war with Scotland. Witness, W[alter Stapleton], Bishop of Exeter, the King's Treasurer.¹ Dated at York, 23 Aug., 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

Be it known that the said 1,200 marks were sent to the lord the King by Thomas ate Welde, serjeant to Richard de Hakeneie the Sheriff, and Thomas de Bedewell, serjeant to Richard Constantyn the Sheriff, on Saturday the eve of the Assumption [15 Aug.], the year aforesaid. The acquittance remains in the custody of Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain.

Saturday after the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], Thomas Osbern elected broker of wines by Richard de Rothyngge, Richard le Taverner, "chaucer," William de Burgh, Walter de Conduit, and Henry de Kent, vintners, and sworn before Hamo de Chigwelle, Robert Sely, and Edmund Lambyn, Aldermen, and Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, &c.

Grant by Richard de Haveryngge and Johanna his wife to Robert le Forestier de Aldenham, citizen and gold-beater (*auriverberator*) of London, and "Galiana" his wife of certain quitrents of a tenement held of the said grantors by Sewal de Spryngfeld and Alice his wife in the lane and parish of St. Lawrence, Jewry. Dated Monday after the Feast of Nativity of St. John Baptist [24 June], 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

The above deed enrolled Wednesday after the Feast of Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

Monday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], came Robert, son of Augustine le Gaunter, in a full Husting before Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and asked them to accept him as of full age; and because he seemed to the Mayor and Aldermen to be of full age, he was accepted as a man of full age, &c. Thereupon precept was issued to Andrew Horn, the Chamber-

*Acquietanc'
d'ni R. de mille
et CC marc',
etc.*

*De eleccione
Thom' Osbern
in abrocar'
vinorum.*

Fo. cxl b.

*Scriptum
Rob'ti le Forest'
per Ric'm de
Haveryngge.*

Fo. cxli.

*M^d de monu-
mentis Rob'ti
le Gaunter.*

¹ Appointed Treasurer in 1320, but removed in 1325, and murdered in the City the following year. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' i. 287; ii. 283, 289.

lain, to deliver to the said Robert the muniments (*monumenta*) in his keeping at the Guildhall, and these were delivered to him in full Husting, and he gave an acquittance which remains in the custody of the Chamberlain.

*Scriptum
Isabell' ux'
quondam
Thome de
Nevile.*

ijjs. vjd.

Grant by John, son of John Dode, and Agnes his wife, daughter of John Laurence, to Isabella, widow of Thomas de Neville, woolmonger, of a brewhouse, garden, wharf, &c., situate at Billyngesgate, in the parish of St. Mary ate Hull, formerly belonging to the said John Laurence; to hold for a term of fifteen years from Michaelmas, 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], at an annual rent of £4. Witnesses, Thomas Prentiz, John de Warefeld, Robert le Treyere, John de Wrotham, Alan Gille, Hugh the tailor, Henry le Gaunter, and others [not named]. Dated the Feast and year aforesaid.

Fo. cxli b.

Be it remembered that on Friday before the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322], a very great Commonalty were summoned before Hamo de Chig[welle], the Mayor, and the Aldermen, viz., twelve from each Ward, by whom it was agreed that the names of those who had been assessed for 2,000 marks granted to the lord the King and had not paid should be inscribed on two rolls and sealed with the Common Seal, and the money be levied by the Sheriffs. Also it was agreed that two should be elected out of each Ward by the men of the Ward who should make ordinances for the whole Commonalty, and whatever they did on behalf of the Commonalty should be held established by the Commonalty, in order to save the Commonalty trouble. Also that the assessors should render their account of money received, viz., every day the collectors of four Wards, &c.

*Breve
vicecomitibus
pro consilio
apud Ripon.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London for two representatives of the City to attend on Sunday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.] at Ripon, where a *colloquium* was to be held on the Scottish war; the King expressing his intention to remain in the North during the winter in order to suppress any attempt of invasion that might be made by the Scots, and to return to Scotland in the summer to finish the war. Wit-

ness the King at Newcastle-on-Tyne, 18 Sept., 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].¹

Letter under the Common Seal from Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and the whole Commonalty of the City to the King, notifying that they had appointed Walter Crepyng and Thomas de Chetyngdone to attend the *colloquium* at Ripon, pursuant to the above writ. Dated 4 Nov., 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

Grant by Walter de Canefeld to Ferand Manion of a brew-house once held by Robert de Stretteford, cordwainer, of the said Walter in the lane and parish of St. Nicholas Hacoun; to hold the same for a term of seven years from Midsummer last at an annual rent of 50s. Witnesses, John de Bristowe, barber, Ivo le Coupere, Robert de Stretford, cordwainer, John Amiz, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated 14 July, 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

Quitclaim by Richard de Rokyngham, goldsmith, to Thomas de Westminster, goldsmith, of certain lands and tenements held by John Moday, gold-beater (*auribator*), in Westchepe, in the parish of St. Matthias [*sic*] de Fridaystrete, near the tenements of Adam de Bentele and John Trentemars. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, John de Grantham and Roger de Ely, the Sheriffs, John de Castelacre, Robert le Bret, Richard de Shordich, John de Foxtone, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

Grant by Robert "Intheleves," baker, and Margery his wife, daughter of John de Assheburne, to Thomas de Holndene, blader, and Alice his wife, of a shop within Neugate, in the parish of St. Sepulchre, near the tenements of Elias de Thorp; to hold the same for a term of sixteen years from Christmas next. Witnesses, John de Lyndeseye, Roger Hosebonde, Walter ate Belhous, Thomas Poyntel, Nicholas Crane, Elias

Fo. cxlii.

*Litera facta
civibus Lond'
apud Ripon'.*

*Scriptum
Ferandi
Manion per
Walt' de
Canefeld.*

ijs. vjd.

Fo. cxlii b.

*Quietclaim'
Thome de
Westm' per
Ric' de
Rokyngham.*

ijs. vjd.

*Scriptum Th'e
de Holndene
per Rob'
"Inthelenes."*

ijs. vjd.

¹ This writ and the reply which follows are printed from the Letter-Book in Palgrave's 'Parl. Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 270. The Parlia-

ment, which was to have met at Ripon on the 14th Nov., had to be transferred to York. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 353.

de Thorp, William Clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday the Feast of St. Thomas, Ap. [21 Dec.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

Fo. cxliii.

*Breve R' ad
respond'
Taxator'
Sexte.*

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City, notifying the appointment of Robert de Haselshawe, Provost of Wells, Roger de Swynnerton, Constable of the Tower, and John de Dytton, Canon of St. Paul's, together with such clerk as they may think fit to nominate, to be assessors and collectors of the sixth of movable goods granted by the Burgesses in the recent Parliament (*nuper in quodam tractatu*) at York,¹ and enjoining that every assistance be afforded them. Witness the King at York, 2 Dec., 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322].

And be it remembered that the above writ was read before the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty on Monday next after the Feast of the Circumcision [1 Jan.], 16 Edward II. [1322-3], the appointed assessors being present except John de Dytton. On which day it was agreed by the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty to send a certain letter under the Common Seal to the King praying that he would grant some abatement in respect of the aforesaid sixth, inasmuch as they had frequently before undertaken divers burdens.

*Script' Ric'i
de Rothinge
per Joh'
Albon.*

ijs. vjd.

Agreement between John Albon, son of Godwyn le Feliper, and Richard de Rothinge, fripperer (*felipar'*), as to the discharge of a debt due by the said Richard to the said John. Robert Davi mentioned as attorney of the said John. Witnesses, Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, Richard Pynfoul, John ate Vigne, Henry de Norhampton, Richard de Huggelee, Richard Deve-neys, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday the Eve of the Epiphany [6 Jan.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322-3].

Fo. cxliii b.

*Script' Ric'i
de Rothinge
per Simon'
Trenchaunt.*

Deed of covenant between Simon Trenchaunt, executor of Margery Lucas, late wife of Richard de Caam,² and guardian of the children of the said Margery and Richard, on the one part, and Richard de Rothinge, citizen and "feliper," on the other,

¹ This Parliament granted a tenth from the barons and shires and a sixth from the towns. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 353 n.

² Or "Chaam." The will of Margery Lucas was proved and enrolled in the Husting in Feb., 1314. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 245.

touching the binding of Walter, son of the said Richard and Margery, as apprentice to the said Richard de Rothinge. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Simon de Abyndone and John de Prestone, Sheriffs, Peter de Hungrie, Richard de Hakeneye, Nigel de Whetelee, John Spray, Richard de Rothinge, carpenter, Geoffrey de Hestone, Thomas de Ale-mayne, John Amiz, clerk, and others [not named]. [No date; *circa* A.D. 1319-20.]

A general release granted by John, son of John de la Marche, of the Isle of Wight (*de Insula vecta*), to Richard de Welleford, hosier. Dated 20 Jan., 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322-3].

Fo. cxliv.

*Script' Ric'i
de Welleford
per Joh' de la
Marche.*

Lease by Walter Crepyn to Master Robert de Ormesby of a hostel tenanted by Sir Robert de Wodehous in the parish of St. Peter on Cornhull, for a term of five years from Easter next. Witnesses, Richard de Gloucestre, Alderman of the Ward,¹ Hugh de Waltham, Stephen ate Holte, William de Manhale, Walter ate Holte, John de Bery, Geoffrey de Blida, and others [not named]. Dated Monday before the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322-3].

Fo. cxliv b.

*Script' Mag'ri
Rob'ti de
Ormesbi per
Walter
Crepyn.*

ijs. vjd.

Grant by Richard le Latoner and Margaret his wife, daughter of Richard le Sporiere, to John de Burtone, clerk, of an annual quitrent issuing from a tenement situate in the parish of St. Bride de Fletestrete near the tenements of John de Parys, corder, and Thomas le Hattere; to hold the same for a term of six years from Easter next. Witnesses, William de Toppesfeld, Reginald le Taverner, Ralph le Coteler, Simon Larmourer, James le Clerk, Reginald le Clerk, Richard le Ussher, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322-3].

*Script' Joh'is
de Burtone
clerici per
Ric'm le
Latoner et
Marger' ux'
ejus.*

*Nil quia cleri-
cus Camere.*

Acknowledged and enrolled the following day.

Saturday before mid-Lent² Philip Dolfyn admitted a broker of raw silk before Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Robert de Swaleclif and John Hauteyn, Aldermen, at the instance of the

Fo. cxlv.

Jur' abrocar'.

¹ Cornhill Ward.

² Mid-Lent or Mothering Sunday,

| so called from the custom of visiting
| parents on that day.

said John Hauteyn, John de Pisaquila, Bartholomew de Stan-
nawe, and Nicholas de Grenewiz, and sworn, &c.

*Script' Joh'is
de Grantham
per Rob' de
Hagham et
Idon ux' ejus.*

Lease by Robert de Hagham, Knt., and Idonia his wife, late
wife of John le Blound, Knt., to John de Grantham, pepperer,
of a tenement formerly belonging to the said John le Blound,
and lately let to Blase Alderbrandyn de "Sene,"¹ in the parish
of St. Antonine; to hold the same for a term of seven years
from Easter next at an annual rent of 8 marks. Witnesses,
Simon de Corp, Hugh de Gartone, William Walram, William
de Bidik, Thomas de "Evenefeld," Benedict de Folsham, Adam
de Salesbirs, John de Walsham, Hugh de Wyrcestre, John Amis,
clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday, 8 March,
16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322-3].

*Nichil quia
vic'.*

Acknowledged and enrolled Monday after the Feast of
St. Gregory [12 March].

Fo. cxlv b.

Thursday the morrow of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.],
16 Edward II. [A.D. 1322-3], the guardianship of John, son of
Thomas de Perndon, entrusted to Peter de Stondone by Hamo
de Chigwelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen. Sureties, viz.,
Gilbert de Mordone and Roger Sterre.

*Witherna-
mum.*

Saturday after the Feast of Translation of St. Thomas the
Martyr [7 July], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], it was agreed by
Nicholas de Farndone, the Mayor, Robert de Swalclif, Henry
de Secch[eford], John Cotoun, John Poyntel, and Richard
Costantyn, Aldermen, that *withernam* should be executed on the
Abbess of Berkyng and her men, for that Hamo de Chigwelle,
Mayor, and also Nicholas de Farndone, Mayor, had oftentimes
written letters, under the seal of the Mayoralty, demanding
restitution of the sum of 82s. 8d. with costs, which the servant of
Hanekyn ate Ree, the bailiff of the said Abbess, took from
John, son of Hugh de Lincoln, and detained and still detains, to
which letters the said Abbess had not deigned to make reply,
&c. Therefore let *withernam* be executed, &c.

Fo. cxlvi.

Letters patent addressed to the Aldermen, Sheriffs, citizens,
and Commonalty of the City of London notifying that the
King had committed the Mayoralty of the City, at that time in

¹ Sienna.

his hand for divers reasons, to Nicholas de Farndone, to hold the same during the King's pleasure.¹ They are therefore to respect, as Mayor, the said Nicholas, who had taken the oath accustomed to the King. Dated at Westminster, 5 April, 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1323].

*Commissio R^o
quod N. de
Farndone sit
Maior quam-
diu eidem R^o
placuerit.*

Letter from the City to the King praying his favour for those citizens who were in attendance at his Court by his orders.² Dated 25 April, 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1323].

*Littera commu-
nitatis pro H.
de Chig' sociis-
que suis dñi m
R^o sequentibus.*

The same to Hugh le Despenser the son, praying his good offices in obtaining the King's favour for those citizens who were attending the Court at the King's commands. Dated the day and year aforesaid.

*Littera commu-
nitatis missa
dñi H. le
Despens' fil'
pro eodem.*

The same to Master Robert de Baldok to the same effect, and further praying him to excuse Anketyn de Gisorz, an Alderman, and one of the Justices of the City, conveying the soldiers who were to go to Newcastle, and to obtain for the writers a commission to punish rebels and "contrariantz." Dated *ut supra*.

*Littera commu-
nitatis miss'
Mag'ro Rob' o
de Baldok pro
eodem, etc.*

Be it remembered that whereas in the eleventh year of Edward I. it was ordained by Henry le Waleys, then Mayor, and the Aldermen and Commonalty of the City, for the universal good of those crossing London Bridge, that flesh and fish should not be sold by freemen or strangers anywhere except in the house called "les Stokkes" and other appointed places, and the same ordinance was confirmed before Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, in the fifteenth

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*De ponte
Lond'.*

¹ On the 4th April the King had summoned Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to Westminster, when he deposed the Mayor and appointed Nicholas de Farndone in his place. Farndone remained in office until the following December, when Chigewelle again succeeded to the Mayoralty. See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 32; cf. *infra*, p. 183.

² A fortnight after his being deprived of the Mayoralty, Chigewelle was again summoned to appear before the King, and with him Hamo Godchep, Edmund Lambyn, and Roger le Palmere. They were to all intents and purposes made prisoners and compelled to follow the King and his Court to York. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' i. 305.

year of Edward II.,¹ as is more fully contained in the Rolls of Deeds and Wills for the said eleventh and fifteenth year²—there now lately (*jam de novo*) came John Sterre and Roger ate Vigne, Wardens of London Bridge, before Nicholas de Farn-done, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, viz., on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], and complained that, notwithstanding the provision and ordinance aforesaid, a certain Benedict de Shorne and Agnes Greilond and other fishmongers had now recently (*jam de novo*) erected shops and stalls for selling fish, and there sell fish by wholesale and retail (*ad decisum*) to any that are willing to buy. Thereupon a day was appointed for the appearance at the Guildhall of the said Benedict, Agnes, and the rest, who duly came and pleaded guilty, promising not to offend again.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], the same year, the said Benedict and Agnes, being again charged with the same offence, declared the charge untrue, and if any of their family did such things it was without their knowledge, and they again promised not to sell fish in their shops and stalls outside the aforesaid house.

Quere plus de isto processu in tertio folio seq' [fo. cxlix b].

Saturday the morrow of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 16 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], came Mabel, late wife of William de Hockele, before Henry de Seccheford and John Cotun, Aldermen, and Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that she owed William, son of the said William de Hockele, the sum of £10, besides a sum of £30 bequeathed to him by his father, and covenanted to use the money for his son's interest according to the custom of the City. Thereupon the guardianship of the child, at that time two years of age, was entrusted to her by Nicholas de Farndone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen.

*Custodia
Will'i fil'
Will'i de
Hokkelee.*

¹ Cf. 'Liber Cust.' i. 275 *et seq.*, where, however, the confirmation by Chigwelle of the ordinance made by Waleys is dated anno 17 Edward II.; and both are confirmed by letters patent of Edward II., the same year. Cf. *infra*, fo. cl b.

² No such record is to be found in the series of Rolls of the Court of Husting confined to the enrolment of Deeds and Wills.

Sureties, viz., Gilbert de Mordone, Peter de Ware, and Richard, son of Walter Gubbe, "stokfissmongeres."

Monday before the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], Walter Crepyn elected and sworn Alderman of the Ward of Cornhull by men of the said Ward, for that Richard de Gloucestre, formerly Alderman of the said Ward, was now deceased, &c.

Fo. cxlvii.

*De eleccione
Walt'i "Crepyn"
in Aldr'm.*

The same day William Priour elected and sworn weigher of the Tron, &c., the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty being assembled at the Guildhall, &c.

*De eleccione
Will'i Priour
in ponderal
trone.*

Deed of acquittance by Richard, son of Richard de Gloucestre, late Alderman, for money, goods, &c., received from Sir John de Tierne, chaplain, William de Dorkynge, Sir John de Aldeborgh, chaplain, and William de Merstone, his father's executors. Dated at London in the Ward of Cornhulle, Tuesday after the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323].

*Acq' excec test'i
Ric'i de Glouc'
per Ric' fil'
ejusdem Ric'i.*

js. vjd.

Letter of indemnity to the above executors by Walter Waldechef and Matthew de Essex for having delivered the above money and goods. Dated *ut supra*.

*Litera excec
test'i Ric'i de
Glouc' per
Walt' Walde-
chef et Math'
de Essex.*

Friday after the Feast of the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], came Alice, late wife of John Ballard, "peleter," before Richard de Hakeneye, Alderman, and the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that she had received the sum of £30 to the use of Richard, son of the said John and Alice, aged five years, John, another son, aged two years, and of Cecilia, their daughter, aged eight years. Sureties for the said Alice, viz., William de Poumfreit, "peleter," and Walter de Oxon', "peleter." Thereupon the guardianship of the said children was entrusted to the said Alice by Nicholas de Farnedone, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, &c.

*Custodia fil'
Joh'is Ballard.*

Afterwards the above sureties came before Hamo de Chigewell, the Mayor, and asked to be relieved of their mainprise for that the said Alice had married Adam de Bokelond, "peleter," &c.

Friday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], John le Palmere, brother of Henry le Palmere,

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vintner, attached to answer a charge of having broken a sequestration on his tavern at the Conduit made by Nicholas de Farndone, the Mayor, and of having sold wines there notwithstanding the Mayor's prohibition; and inasmuch as the said John could not deny the charge, he is committed to prison by the said Mayor, and Hamo de Chigewelle, Robert de Swalclife, R[oger] le Palmere, H[enry] de Seccheford, H[ugh] de Gartone, J[ohn] de Caustone, J[ohn] Priour, E[lias] de Suffolk, and Anketin de Gisorz, Aldermen, and he was placed in the custody of John de Oxenford, the Sheriff, &c.

*Eleccio Joh'is
de Graham
Aldr'm Warde
de Cornhull.*

Monday after the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], in the Husting for Pleas of Land, John de Graham, pepperer, elected and sworn Alderman of the Ward of Cornhulle after the decease of Richard de Gloucestre.

*Compotus
Andr^s Horn
Camerar*

The Account of Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain of the Guildhall of the City of London, for all receipts, payments, and expenses by him made from Michaelmas, 15 Edward II. [A.D. 1321], up to the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward the King [13 Oct.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], rendered before Reginald de Conduit and Anketin de Gisorz, Aldermen, William de Caustone and Henry Sterre, Commoners, appointed auditors by Nicholas de Farndone, the Mayor, and the Commonalty assembled at the Guildhall aforesaid on Thursday the Feast of St. Michael, 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323].

*Admissio Petri
de Hungrie in
servient
Camere.*

Monday before the Feast of St. James [25 July], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], in the Husting for Pleas of Land, Peter de Hungrie elected Serjeant of the Chamber and sworn, &c., in the presence of Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty, &c.

Temp. Hamo de Chigewelle, Mayor, anno 17 Edward II.

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Be it remembered that on Wednesday the morrow of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], Hamo de Chigewelle was sworn and admitted Mayor of London by

the lord the King himself at the Exchequer at Westminster by royal commission here enrolled.¹

Letters patent addressed to the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty of the City, notifying the appointment of Hamo de Chigewelle to the Mayoralty, and bidding due respect to be shown to him as Mayor. Dated at Ravenesdale,² 29 Nov., 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323].³

*Commissio H.
de Chigewelle
de Maioratu.*

Friday after the Feast of St. Thomas [21 Dec.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], Adam de Bokland, "peleter," summoned by precept of Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to find sureties in the place of William de Pontefract and Walter de Oxon', who had formerly mainprised Alice, widow of John Ballard, and now wife of the said Adam, in respect of money left by the said John Ballard to Richard, John, and Cecilia his children. Sureties offered and approved, viz., Roger ate Sole, called "de Haverynge," and the aforesaid Adam. The former sureties discharged.

*Adhuc de custodia pueror'
Joh'is Ballard,
peleter, de qua
fit mencio in
proximo fol'
precedenti.*

*Exoneracio
prior' manu-
captor' de illa
custodia.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London for the election of two citizens to represent the City at a Parliament (*colloquium et tractatum*) to be held at Westminster, in the octave of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] next. Witness the King at Notyngham, 20 Nov., 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323].

*Breve R' pro
tractatu ap'
Westm' in oct'
Sc'i Hillar'.*

Saturday before the Feast of St. Thomas, Ap. [21 Dec.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], a certain place in the high street adjoining the wall of St. Michael's⁴ Churchyard was granted by Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Robert de Swalclife, Reginald de Conduit, Richard de Hakeneie, Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, and Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, to Thomas de Bury, Druet Sharp, and William Knygth, butchers of Estchèpe, for their lives at an annual rent of 15s.

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Vacat.

*Concessio
placee carnifi-
cum apud
Estchepe.*

¹ He had (as already noted, *supra*, p. 179n.) been removed from the Mayoralty by the King in the previous April, and made to keep close attendance on the King and his Court.

² Co. Derby.

³ Rymer's 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 539.

⁴ Probably St. Michael, Crooked Lane.

Script' Burnetti Guillim per Robert' de Borham.

ijs. vjd.

Grant by Robert de Borham, purser (*bursar'*), to Burnet Guillim de Luca, citizen and apothecary of London, of a tenement in the parish of St. Benedict Shorhog, for a term of six years from Christmas, anno 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], at an annual rent of 8 marks. Witnesses, Hugh de Gartone, Henry le Paumer, Peter de Grenewich, Nicholas Guillim, Adam le Taillur, John Amiz, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday the eve of the Nativity of our Lord, the year aforesaid.

Fo. cxlix.

Scriptum Benedicti de Normantone per Albredam Blunt.

Condonatur per Maiorem quia clericus Cancellar' d'ni Reg'.

Grant by Albreda la Blund de Fletestrete to Benedict de Normantone, clerk, of an annual quitrent of 18s. issuing from a tenement sometime the property of Reginald le Heymongere and Matilda his wife, in the parish of St. Dunstan West, situate near the tenements of Andrew [le] Hornere and William de Loughteburgh; to hold the same during the term of her life. Witnesses, William de Flete, William Passemer, Andrew le Hornere, Thomas Orgor, John le Fannere, Hugh le Armurer, John de Nevile, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated at Fletestrete, 28 Jan., 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323-4].

Adhuc de Ponte.

To the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday before the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323-1324], came Robert atte Folde, Stephen de Wynton', Thomas de Hodesdone, Thomas Swetyngge, Elias atte Folde, and Stephen de Hodesdone, attached by precept of Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, at the suit of Roger atte Vigne and John Sterre, Wardens of London Bridge, to answer a charge of having again sold herring and other fish contrary to the ordinance made for the common good. They plead guilty, and promise to observe the ordinance in future, and further ask the Mayor and Aldermen to elect six men, fishmongers selling fish within the Stokkes, who shall see that the ordinance is kept. Thereupon the following were elected, viz., Robert atte Folde, Henry de Shorne, Robert le Hore, Stephen de Wynton', Simon Bakere, and Benedict de Shorne.

Sex piscenar' jur' ad conservandum ordinationem des Stokkes.

Fo. cxlix b.

Quere plus de isto processu in tercio folio precedenti.

Monday before the Feast of St. Margaret the Virgin [20 July], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], came the aforesaid Benedict [de Shorne] by summons, and, being charged in full Husting with having again transgressed in form aforesaid, denied the charge

and demanded a jury. Precept was accordingly given to Ralph Borghard, Serjeant of the Chamber, to summon twelve good men of the neighbourhood of the house called "les Stokkes" for a certain day. The jury find the said Benedict guilty of selling fish outside his shop on his stall as charged. He was thereupon forbidden to do so in future on pain of losing his freedom.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday after the Feast of Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], came the aforesaid Benedict by summons to the Husting for Common Pleas to answer a similar charge, to which he replied that he did and would continue to sell fish contrary to the ordinance. Precept was therefore given to Thomas de Bedewell, serjeant to John de Oxenford, the Sheriff, to distrain the said Benedict for appearance to hear judgment, &c.

Thursday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323-4], came the above Benedict before Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Robert de Swalclif, Richard de Betoigne, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, and of his own accord renounced his freedom. He and his are therefore strangers, &c., and order was given on the part of the Mayor and Commonalty that he should not traffic in the City in future as a freeman, under penalty.

Amissio libertat^{is} Benedicti de Shorne, etc.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday before the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323-4], in the Husting for Common Pleas, the said Benedict was permitted to recover the freedom of the City and to hold the same during good behaviour, and thereto was sworn.¹

Restitutio libert^{is} Benedicti de Shorne.

Monday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], the guardianship of Isabella, daughter of William ate Conduyt, aged nine years, entrusted to John Priour,² senior, by Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Robert de Swalcliffe, Anketin de Gisorz, Henry de Seccheford, Richard de Hakeneie, John Poyntel, Roger le Palmere, Hugh de Gartone, John de

Custodia Isabelle filie Will^{ielm}i ate Conduyt.

¹ Struck out, the reader's attention being drawn in a note to the freedom having been annulled later on (*vide infra*, p. 191).

² He had married Idonea, widow of William de Conduyt. *Vide supra*, pp. 76-7;

Prestone, John Hauteyn, John Cotun, and John de Caustone, Aldermen, together with the sum of £23 received from Juliana, widow and executrix of Robert de Piphurst, in trust for the said child.

A bond entered into by Robert de Piphurst, Gilbert de Lesnes, and Thomas Rys in the sum of £20 cancelled.

Fo. cl.

*Script
Ferandi
Manjon per
Walt'm de
Canefeld.*

Lease by Walter de Canefeld to Ferand "Manjon" of a brew-house formerly held by Robert de Stratford, cordwainer, in the parish of St. Nicholas Hacon, for a term of fourteen years from Christmas, 17 Edward II., charged with an annual payment of 12s. 6d. for four years to the Prioress and Nuns of Holiwell. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, John de Oxon' and Adam de Salesberi, the Sheriffs, Roger de Frowyk, Alderman of the Ward,¹ Hugh de Gartone, John de Caustone, Robert de Stratford, Roger de Notyngnam, William de Saumford, Thomas de Coventre, John Amiz, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday the eve of Christmas, 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323].

ijs. vjd.

Fo. cl b.

De les Stokkes.

Confirmation under the Common Seal of the City by Hamo de Chigewell, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the whole Commonalty, of the maintenance of the Stocks Market for the sale of meat and fish, the rents issuing from the same to be devoted to the maintenance of London Bridge, as formerly established by Henry le Galeis. Dated at the Guildhall, Saturday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323-4].²

*Custodia
Thome fil'
Gilberti de
Tauntone.*

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], the guardianship of Thomas, son of Gilbert de Tauntone, aged six years, entrusted to Henry de Seccheford, Alderman, by Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Robert de Swalclife, John Priour, and other Aldermen [not named].

Fo. cli.

Be it remembered that on Saturday before the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323-4], Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Robert de Swalclife, Richard de Betoigne, Roger le Palmere, Henry de Seccheford, John

¹ Langbourn Ward.

² Printed in 'Liber Cust.', i. 275-278. Cf. *supra*, p. 180n.

Poyntel, John de Grantham, Roger de Frowik, and John Cotun, Aldermen, and four men from each Ward being assembled at the Guildhall, it was agreed that £300 ought to be assessed in the City, in each Ward, with as little hurt as possible, in manner following, viz., that the Mayor should summon before him and the Aldermen good men of each Ward as might seem most expedient against Monday next for the purpose of fixing a sum to be assessed in each Ward. On the day named there came the aforesaid Mayor, Robert de Swalclife, Richard de Betoigne, Nicholas de Farndone, Roger le Palmere, Richard Costantyn, Roger de Frowik, John de Grantham, John Poyntel, Richard de Hakeneie, Henry de Seccheford, and Edmund Lambyn, Aldermen, and good men from each Ward summoned thereto, and they fixed the sum to be assessed and levied on each Ward as follows:—

The Ward of Chepe, 40 marks; Farndone Within and Without, 40 marks; Cordewanerstrete, 40 marks; Vintry, 25 marks; Bredstrete, 25 marks; Queenhithe, 20 marks; Crepelgate Within and Without, 25 marks; Castlebaynard, 100s.; Colemanstrete, 100s.; Aldresgate, £4; Bassieshaghe, 60s.; Douuegate, 40 marks; Walebroke, 40 marks; Bradestrete, 12½ marks; Tower, 40 marks; Billyngesgate, 25 marks; Bridge, 20 marks; Candelwikstrete, £10; Langbourne, 12½ marks; Cornhulle, 100s. (paid and they are quit); Alegate, 30s.; Bisshopesgate, 60s.; Lymstrete, 1 mark; Portsoken, 40s.

Total, £309 3s. 4d.

And they ordered that from the aforesaid money presents should be sent to the King, the Queen, and other great men, &c., and the debts of the City paid.

Monday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324-5], the guardianship of Thomas, son of Gilbert de Tauntone, aged seven years, entrusted to William Pikerel, saddler, by Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, together with property comprising a silver cup weighing 15s. 6d.; nine silver spoons with.....at their ends (*cum acris in fine*), weighing 7s. 9d.; a brass pot of the value of 16d.; a dish and ewer of the value of 3s.; a gilt girdle of the value

of 2s.; and an "alewer"¹ of the value of 2s. Sureties, viz., Ralph de Blithe and Robert de Bristowe, saddlers, Richard de Shoresdich, goldsmith, and Walter le Keu, "lorymer."

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 13 Edward III. [A.D. 1339], the aforesaid Thomas came, and in the presence of Andrew Aubry, the Mayor, and Roger Depham and Richard Lacer, Aldermen, acknowledged satisfaction of his property.

Fo. cli b.

Writ to the Sheriffs of London to attach John de Cotun, "peleter," and Adam de Exeter, vintner, to appear before the King in the quinzaine of Easter to answer a charge of conspiracy and of having caused Nicholas de Whittone to be indicted on false charges. Witness the King at Fulham, 25 Feb., 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323-4].

The said Sheriffs to take security of half a mark from the said Nicholas to the King's use for the above writ.

Pledges for the prosecution, viz., Thomas de Litlyngtone, vintner, and Adam de Berewik, "taillur."

Return made by Adam de Sarum, Sheriff, to the effect that John de Cotun had been attached by John de Honilane and Richard de Stykeneie, and Adam de Exeter, vintner, by Thomas de Bredstrete and John Sewal.

*Recordum
coram d'no R.*

Pleas before the lord the King at Westminster, in the quinzaine of Easter, 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324]:—John de Cotoun, "peleter," attached to answer Nicholas de Whittone, "peleter," on a charge of having forcibly taken the said Nicholas, with swords, bows, and arrows, on Friday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], and kept him in prison eight weeks. The said John appears, and the Mayor and Commonalty, by William de Borgh, their attorney, claim the franchise granted by King Henry, the King's ancestor, and confirmed by the present King by charter dated at York, 8 June, 12 Edward II., viz., that citizens of London should not plead without the City's walls except in certain specified cases, &c.² The claim allowed, a writ to that effect being sent to

*Libertas alloc'
quod nullus
placitet extra
muros civi-
tatis, etc.*

¹ Probably an ale-jug.

² Cf. *supra*, p. 99. See also char-

ter dated 16 March, 11 Henry III.
[A.D. 1226-7].

Geoffrey Lescrop and his fellow-justices, dated at Westminster, 5 May, 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], and the Mayor and Commonalty appoint a day for hearing the matter at the Guildhall.

Pleas before the lord the King at Westminster, Easter Term, anno 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324]:—Hugh de Gartone, John Somer, Henry Cheyni, Simon Hawes, “apprentiz” of “Gartone,” William le Heaubergier, and Robert le Goldbeter, in mercy.

Fo. clii.

*Recordum cor^r
d’no R^o.*

The said Hugh and others attached to answer Thomas de Cauntebrigge and Alice his wife on a charge of having, in conjunction with Nicholas le Clerk, “ceynturer,” and John de Stayntone, forcibly entered the house of the said Alice and carried away goods of the value of £200. The Mayor and Commonalty put in the same claim as above, and it is allowed. Thereupon a day for hearing the matter at the Guildhall is named.

*Libertas allo-
cata ut supra.*

Deed of confirmation under the Common Seal of the City of the Stocks Market as founded by Henry le Waleis. Dated at the Guildhall, in the presence of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, Saturday after the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323-4].¹

Fo. clii b.

Letters patent confirming the above. Witness the King at the Tower of London, 16 June, 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324].

Fo. cliii.

Afterwards, viz., on Thursday before the Feast [of the Translation] of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Adam de Salesbire and John de Oxon’, Sheriffs and Aldermen, went to the house called “les^oStokkes,” and, summoning the fishmongers standing there, caused the above charter to be read, and forbade them to sell any fish thenceforth without the said house.

Afterwards, viz., on the following Friday, came John Sterre and Roger atte Vigne, Wardens of the Bridge, and complained that, notwithstanding the above prohibition, Benedict de Shorne, fishmonger, had exposed fish for sale in his shop and on a stall outside his shop. Thereupon precept issued to Peter de Hungrie, Serjeant of the Chamber, to seize the fish, and the

¹ Printed in ‘Liber Cust.’ i. 275-278. Cf. *supra*, p. 186.

said Benedict was summoned to answer for his conduct. Inasmuch as he had no defence, the fish were confiscated.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], a similar charge being brought against the said Benedict, he pleads not guilty and demands a jury.

Fo. cliii b.

*Scriptum
Barth'i de
Honilane per
Joh'em de
Wautone et
Elen' ux' ejus.*

ijs. vjd.

Lease by Sir John de Wautone, Knt., and Dame Elena his wife to Bartholomew de Honilane, vintner, of a messuage in the parish of St. Mary de Stanengelane lately held by Sir Bartholomew de Enefeld, husband of the aforesaid Elena; to hold during the lifetime of the said Elena¹ at an annual rent of £4. Witnesses, Matthew de Essex, Stephen de Bercote, Reginald "du" Conduit, Richard But, John de Burgoyne, Thomas de Hameldene, and others [not named]. Dated 1 July, 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324].

*Script' Rob'ti
de "Moun-
dene" per
Laur' le Bret
et Joh'm ux'
e'us.*

ijs. vjd.

Deed of covenant between Robert de "Mundene" on the one part and Laurence, son of Philip le Bret, and Johanna, wife of the said Laurence, on the other part, touching the tenure of a mansion situate near the churchyard of St. Nicholas Olaf, let by the said Laurence and Johanna to the said Robert for a term of years. Dated Saturday the Feast [of the Translation] of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

Fo. cliv.

*Acquietanc'
Pet' fil'
Warini Cullul
per Steph'
Dabyndon'.*

ijs. vjd.

A general acquittance by Stephen de Abyndone, son of Simon "Dabyndone," late draper, to Peter, son of Warin Cullul de Goseberdkirk,² called "Dabyndone," late apprentice to the aforesaid Simon, who had conveyed his apprenticeship to the said Stephen by will. Witnesses, Henry Darci, Simon Swanlond, John de Nunnès, John de Pulteneie, John de Swanlond, Geoffrey le Botel[er], Roger the clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Monday before the Feast of St. James, Ap. [25 July], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324].

*Abjudicacio
Benedicti de
Shorne alias
a libertate.*

Tuesday before the Feast of St. James, Ap. [25 July], in the Husting for Common Pleas, there came Benedict [de Shorne] as well as Elias de Thorp and other jurors on the panel [not

¹ By will enrolled in the Court of Husting (see 'Calendar of Wills,' i. 290) Sir Bartholomew de Enefeld devised his houses in the parish of

St. Mary, Staining Lane, to Elena his wife for life, with remainder to Bartholomew de Honylane in tail.

² Gosberton, co. Linc.

named], who found the said Benedict guilty of selling fish contrary to the ordinance. He was therefore condemned to forfeit his freedom, and thenceforth to be treated as a stranger in matters of custom levied by the Sheriffs; and a precept was issued to Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, to confiscate to the use of the Commonalty such property of the said Benedict as should be found exposed for sale without custom paid.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], the above Benedict was restored to the freedom of the City in the presence of Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, at the instance of Sir Edward, the Earl of Chester,¹ to enjoy the same during good behaviour.

*Restitutio
Benedicti de
Shorne tercio
in libertatem.*

Defeasance of a grant by William de Hallyngburi and Agnes his wife to Richard de Pelham, vintner, and Katherine his wife of a certain tenement at Douegate in the parish of All Hallows the Great (*magni*), on condition that the said Richard and Katherine enjoy peaceable possession of the same for a term of six years, and are paid the sum of £10, in which the said William and Agnes stood bound by a recognizance at the end of the term. Witnesses, Stephen de Prestone, Henry de Prestone, Thomas de Spayne, Gregory de Fulham, Thomas de Eu, Robert de Barsham, and others [not named]. Dated Saturday the eve of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1324].

Fo. cliv b.

*Scripte Ric'i
de Pelham per
Will'm de
Hallyngburi
et ux' ejus.*

ijs. vjd.

Recognizance of debt of £10 due by Ferand Manion of Spain, citizen of London, to Reginald de Conduit, Alderman. Dated at London, Tuesday before the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324].

*Scripte Regi-
naldi de Con-
ductu per
Ferandum
Manion.*

The above recognizance read and acknowledged before John Priour, Alderman, and the Chamberlain on Tuesday after the Feast of Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324].

*Nil quia
Aldr'.*

Writ to the Mayor, Sheriffs, good men, and the whole Commonalty of the City of London, bidding them raise 300 foot-soldiers furnished with aketons, "hauberjouns," bacinets, gaunt-

Fo. clv.

¹ Afterwards King Edward III.

*Breve Reg' ad
venire faciend'
ccc homines
pedites armatos
apud Portes-
muth.*

lets, &c., and dispatch them to Portsmouth, where a fleet had been ordered to assemble on Monday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.] next, in order to protect the realm against the King of France, who was preparing a great army to recover the Duchy of Aquitaine. Witness the King at Henle, 8 Aug., 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324].

*Script' Joh'is
de Warefeld
per Will' de
"Beuchaump."*

Lease by William de "Beauchamp" and Matilda his wife, widow of Walter Bachel', to John de Warefeld of a messuage in St. Botolph Lane, in the parish of St. George de Estchepe, situate near the tenements of William Pykeman and John Croshe; to hold for a term of fifteen years from Michaelmas next. Witnesses, John Sterre, John Croshe, John Saleman, John Youn, &c. Dated Saturday after the Feast of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324].

ijs. vjd.

Fo. clvb.

*Custodia puer
Philippi de
Garscherche.*

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], the guardianship of Alice, Isabella, and Johanna, daughters of Philip le Taverner de Garscherche, committed by Hamo de Chigewelle, [the Mayor], and the Aldermen, with the assent of William de Staneford, executor of the said Philip and of Margery Drynkewater his late wife, to John Ingelard, called "de Warle," together with the sum of £21 belonging to the said children. Surety, viz., James Beauflower.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], the guardianship of William, son of the above Philip le Taverner, committed to William Herlizon. Surety, viz., John Flemynge.

Afterwards, viz., on Friday before Christmas, 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], came Alice, wife of John Ingelard, called "de Warle," to whom the guardianship of Alice, Isabella, and Johanna, daughters of Philip le Taverner, had been recently committed, before John de Grantham, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, Reginald de Conduit, Thomas de Leyre, Aldermen, and Henry de Secheford, the Chamberlain, and bound herself in the same manner as John her husband stood bound.

Afterwards, viz., on Saturday the eve of Pentecost [24 May], anno 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1333], came the above Alice, being sixteen years of age, before John de Prestone, the Mayor,

Henry Darci, John de Oxford, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and acknowledged satisfaction for 10 marks and a silver cup left to her by her father, and quitclaimed the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty as well as Alice, wife of John Ingelard.

Be it remembered that on Tuesday after the Feast of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], with the assent of Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, on behalf of the Commonalty, a certain plot of land situate near the City Wall, and extending towards the King's garden on the south and the open ground¹ (*le Purale*) near the aforesaid wall towards the north, was granted to Peter de Staundone, blader, as well as another plot adjacent to the houses of the said Peter; to hold the same for ever at an annual rent of 12 pence, subject to a right of re-entry on the part of the Commonalty in time of disturbance.

Afterwards, in the Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday the eve of St. James, Ap. [25 July], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], the garden on the south side of Alegate, called the "Hermitage," and held by Roger ate Watre, serjeant, was granted to Peter de Staundone aforesaid, to hold for life, he paying to the Commonalty an annual rent of 10s. subject to conditions *ut supra*.²

Lease by Robert "Sali" and Johanna his wife to William de Cheiham and Agnes his wife of a brewhouse, shop, and a certain house called "Zylynghous," situate near the tenement of Reginald de Conduit in Bread Street, in the parish of All Hallows, for a term of twenty-four years from Michaelmas last, charged with the annual payment of 10s. to the Prior and Convent of the church of St. Bartholomew de Smethefeld, 10s. to Elias de Suffolk, 8s. to the church of St. Thomas de Acon, and 5s. towards a chantry in the church of All Hallows de Bredstrete. Witnesses, Thomas le Barber, Thomas de Wight, John de Bredstrete, John de Tiffeld, William atte Rothe, Hugh de

*Concessio
quarundam
placear' terre
facta Petro de
Staundone un'
xijd. de
reditu.*

*Concessio here-
mitagii Petro
de Staundone
Reddendo xs.*

Fo. clvi.

*Scriptum
Will'i de
Cheiham et
Agn' ux' ejus
per Rob'tum
"Sely" et
Joh'am ux'
ejus.*

ijs. vjd.

¹ A conjecture. *Purale*, to clear (ground), occurs in Martin's 'Record Interpreter.'

² 'Memorials,' p. 148.

Depedene, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324].

Fo. clvi b.

Be it remembered that Roger de Ely and John de Grantham, Sheriffs of London anno 16 Edward II., had an allowance on their account at the Exchequer of £53 12s. 5d. paid to the Mayor and citizens by three letters under the Common Seal, in part receipt of £1,000 lent to the King by the Mayor and citizens anno 10, as appears by the same letters, and this sum was deducted in expenses incurred on the business of the City, as appears by the following particulars:—

Costs and expenses incurred on expediting the City's business, viz., for obtaining allowance of sums of money which the King owed the citizens on divers accounts amounting to £218 2s. 6d. And likewise for obtaining allowance of £31 14s. 7½d., exacted in the Pipe from the citizens for divers debts.

Firstly, to Sir Walter de Norwyȝ for a swan and six capons sent to him at Christmas, anno 17 [Edward II.], 6s. 6d. Item to the same at Easter following, viz., for a carcase of beef 18s. Item for a pig 5s. Item for a calf 4s. Item for a dozen capons 5s. 6d., and carriage 4d. And for a certain present to him by the hands of Sir Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, viz., a silver-gilt water dish weighing 26s. 6d., and a certain other jewel worth 40s. Total, 105s. 10d.

Item to William de Everdone¹ at Christmas aforesaid twelve salt fish worth 4s.; and to the same at another time a swan and six conies worth 7s. To the same at another time on behalf of the Mayor and Commonalty, by the hands of Hugh de Waltham and Bartholomew, clerk to the Mayor, 100s. in money numbered. Item to the prothonotary of the Exchequer by a certain gift presented to him, 100s.

Item to Sir William de Fulbourne, Baron of the Exchequer, at Christmas twenty salt fish worth 6s. Item a cap of "Bevre" well lined with cloth of "sharlet," 7s. 6d., and to the same in bread, wine, poultry, and the like, *per vices et particulas*, 5s. Total, 18s. 6d.

¹ Baron of the Exchequer about this time.

Item to Hugh de Colwyk, Clerk of the Exchequer, in money numbered, on one occasion 10s.; and on another occasion, in the presence of the Mayor in the Chamber of the Guildhall, 40s. Item to William de Stowe, another Clerk of the Exchequer, by a dish and ewer and a pair of "trenchours," half a mark. Item to a certain other Clerk of the Exchequer 10s. Item by divers expenses made among the members of the Court (*socios Curie*), at divers times and divers particulars, 10s.

Item to Sir William de Herlastone, Clerk of the Chancery, for drawing and dispatching divers writs to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, and also to the Chamberlain of the Exchequer and others, for the said business and other business of the City, 20s. Item to Elias, clerk to the said Sir William, for his trouble, half a mark. Item in money given to divers doorkeepers of the Exchequer 7s. 5d. Item in gloves bought to be given to divers assistants, *per vices*, 3s.

Total, 113s. 9d.

Item in money given to a certain Matthew de Crawethorpe, Clerk of the Crown under Sir Ralph de Beresford,¹ at the last *Iter* at the Tower, anno 13 Edward II.,² for relieving the citizens of a fine of £20, for which they were amerced on account of John Adrien and Walter le Engleis, formerly Sheriffs,³ for the escape of Ralph, late valet of Reginald de Laufare, a serjeant of the City, 40s. Item to a certain John, clerk to the said Sir Ralph, for expediting the same business, one mark. Item to two other clerks of the same one mark. Total, 66s. 8d.

Item in money delivered to the said Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, for paying and acquitting citizens with certain serjeants of the Court who take divers fees from the said citizens, viz., to Gilbert de "Toudeby" and others, £15; viz., to the said Gilbert 4 marks, to William de Devom 40s., John de Devom 4 marks, John de Shardelowe 40s., Nicholas Fastolf

Fo. clvii.

¹ Chief Clerk and Clerk of the Crown at the *Iter* of 1321. 'Liber Cust.,' i. 302, 370.

² Probably a mistake for 14 Edward II.

³ Viz., in 1277-8.

40s., the King's Serjeants at Arms 40s., a valet of the King's chamber half a mark; for a cap of "Bever" lined with green velvet, given to the King's Steward, 12s., and in other petty expenses on the City's business, 14s. Item in money paid to John de Grantham, spicer, for a debt in which the Commonalty of London stood bound to him, £7 16s. 8d. Item to Gregory atte Shyre in part payment of his fee due 40s. Item in money paid to Hugh de Waltham, the Common Clerk of the City, for his trouble in obtaining the aforesaid allowances, 60s. Total, £12 16s. 8d.

Sum total of the above, £53 12s. 5d.

*Comp' Andr'
Horn Camer'.*

The account of Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain of the Guildhall, rendered before Nicholas de Farndone, Reginald de Conduit, Anketin de Gisorz, and Roger le Palmere, Aldermen, auditors elected by the Mayor and Commonalty in the Husting of London for Common Pleas held on Monday next after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324], of all receipts, charges, and expenses made by the said Andrew from the Feast of the Translation of St. Edward, K. [13 Oct.], 17 Edward II. [A.D. 1323], to the Feast of St. Martin aforesaid, anno 18.

*Breve R' miss'
quod blada
nimis non
caristiantur
contra adven-
tum R' et
procerum.*

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of the City that they see that the price of corn be not enhanced at the King's coming into the City, in consequence of merchants having hoarded large quantities of corn imported into the City from Flanders. Dated at Beaulieu (*Bellum locum Regis*), 18 April, 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].¹

Pursuant to the above writ Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Sheriffs, summoned before them John Vyncent, then bailiff of Byllyngesgate, John de Wymondeham, Gilbert Shouk, John de Mokkyng de Somersete, and John Saleman, living in that neighbourhood, Robert de Wengrave, bailiff of Queenhithe, John Fraunceis, Roger le Joignour, Philip Balom, and William de Kele, of that neighbourhood, John de Kyngestone, Ralph de Blithe, William le Kyng, and

¹ Printed in Rymer's 'Feadera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 597.

Walter le Kyng, of the neighbourhood of the Friars Minors, Walter de Stebenheth, Adam "in the lane," William de Saunford, and John de Surreie, tapicer, of the neighbourhood of Grascherche, John le Barber, Warden of Ludgate, William de Wynchestre, Warden of Neugate, John de Mymmes, Warden of Crepelgate, Hugh le Chaundeler, Warden of Bisshopesgate, Simon le Hodere, Warden of Alegate, and William le Chaundeler, Warden of Aldresgate, and caused them to swear that the water bailiffs and those living in the neighbourhood would not permit any one to carry corn out of the City for sale to any one whomsoever, and that those at Grascherche and the Friars Minors would not allow freemen and strangers to stand together, but separately, nor to sell before Prime sounded at St. Paul's, and not openly¹ (*non par mostrisons*), unless it be corn in the market for sale.

Lease by Simon Symeon and Agnes his wife to Hugh Curteis, tailor, and Matilda his wife, of a house in the parish of St. Margaret Patyns, situate near the tenement of Thomas Prentiz, to hold the same for a term of nine years from Michaelmas, paying annually to the Hospital of St. Katherine, near London, 17s. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, John de Caustone and Benedict de Fulsham, the Sheriffs, Simon de Canterbury, carpenter (?), Wymund Brother, William de Braie, John Joie, William Alisaundre, Walter Joie, Richard le Mitere, and many others [not named]. Dated Saturday the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324].

Fo. clvii b.

Script^o Hugonis Curteis et Matild^e ux^e ejus per Simonem Simeon et Agn^e ux^e ejus.

ijs. vjd.

Acknowledged on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Thomas, Ap. [21 Dec.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324].

Bond entered into by Walter le Founder in the sum of 100 marks due to Sir John de Olneie, Knt. Dated Friday before the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324-5].

Fo. clviii.

Script^o oblig^o Johⁱis de Olneie militis per Walter^u le Foundour.

ijs. vjd.

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 19 Edward II.

¹ Or, perhaps, "not by sample."

[A.D. 1325], the said Walter came before Henry de Sechford, Alderman, and the Chamberlain and paid and is quit.

*Script' pre-
dicti Joh' de
Olneie per pre-
dictum Wal-
terum le
Foundour.*

ijs. vjd.

Defeasance of the above bond covenanted by Sir John de Olneie, Knt., on condition of his being relieved of certain payments to Nicholas Fouke de Etone and Avise his wife for their lives with remainder to Johanna, late wife of William Gratefige, for her life, charged on tenements in Sopereslane in the parish of St. Pancras granted to the said Sir John by the above Walter le Foundour. Dated Sunday after the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324-5].

*Litera acquiet'
exec' test' i
Agn' de Stanes
per Gilb' fil'
predicte Ag-
netis.*

Acquittance by Gilbert, son of Alan de Brauncestre and of Agnes de Stanes his wife, to Gilbert de Lesnes and John de Dallynge, junior, executors of the said Agnes, for property left to him by his mother.¹ Witnesses, Hugh de Gartone, Hugh de Waltham, Andrew Horn, then Chamberlain of the Guildhall, John de Eylesham, Robert de Hakebourne, Nicholas de Caustone, and others [not named]. Dated Friday the Feast of St. Peter in Cathedra [22 Feb.], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1324-5].

Thereupon came the aforesaid Gilbert and Richard Godefrei, called "le Joignour," whose daughter he had married, before Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone and Robert de Swalclif, Aldermen, and the Chamberlain, and the said Richard covenanted under bond that the said Gilbert should give an acquittance similar to the above when he should come of age. And this seemed to the Court necessary, inasmuch as the said Gilbert was not yet of full age, &c.

Fo. clviii b.

*Debita que
Joh' es de
Triple debet
communitati
Lond'.*

Account of money due to the City from John de Triple, amounting to £53 16s. 8d., on divers assessments, among them being an assessment for an aid in payment of expenses incurred on the Queen's first coming into England and on the Coronation, anno 1 Edward II., an assessment for a present of £100 made to the King and Queen, anno 10 Edward II., and an assessment for the tallage of 2,000 marks granted to the King in Scotland.

Acquittance by Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, for the sum of £20 received from John de Charletone, Albertin Rogeri, and Henry Darci, executors of the above John de Triple. In

¹ See 'Calendar of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 244.

witness whereof Hamo de Chigewell, the Mayor, set the seal of the Mayoralty to these presents together with the seal of the Chamber of the Guildhall. Dated Saturday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], the guardianship of John, son of Henry Burel, mercer, aged one year, and of a certain infant now called John, mentioned in the will of the said Henry,¹ aged eight weeks, committed to John Somer, mercer, by Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Roger le Palmere and Robert Sely, Aldermen, together with a shop in the great seld² and a sum of £22 belonging to the said children. The said John Somer to continue guardian of the same until they come of age, unless the Mayor and Aldermen for the time being desire to recover the guardianship or the said guardian willingly surrender his trust to the Court. Sureties, viz., William Pikerel, saddler, John de Bredstrete, and Hugh de Depedene.

*Custodia pueri
Henr' Burel.*

And be it known that afterwards, on the death of the aforesaid John Somer, the guardianship aforesaid was committed to John de Dallinge, junior, as appears *infra* on fo. clxix.

Lease by William Botel' and Agnes his wife to Adam Pike-man, fishmonger, of houses in the parish of St. Margaret de Briggestrete, situate near the tenements of Robert Austin, Henry Lambyn, Philip Lucas, and Salamon Ragoun; to hold the same from Easter [A.D. 1325] to the following Midsummer Day, and from that day for a term of ten years, charged with the annual payment of 2 marks to William Lambyn, 7s. to the Hospital of St. Giles, 16d. to the Chapter of St. Paul's, and 9d. to Christchurch, Canterbury. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, John de Caustone and Benedict de Fulsham, the Sheriffs, Robert de Swalclif, Alderman of the Ward,³ Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, John Sterre, Philip Lucas, Richard

Fo. clix.

*Scriptum Ade
Pykeman per
Will' Botel' et
Agn' ux' ejus.*

ijjs. vjd.

¹ This infant is mentioned in the will of Henry Burel as being in the womb of Margaret de Swafham. See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Husting,' i. 313.

² Styled in the will of Henry Burel "the great seld of the late Roisia de Coventre at Westchepe," so often met with in the City's records.

³ Bridge.

Horn, William Lambyn, William Crosh', Hugh de Mockynge, Salamon Ragoun, and others [not named]. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

Thursday before the Feast of Pentecost [4 June], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], came Alice de Warlee, wife of John Ingelard and relict of Philip de Grascurch, and Isabella, daughter of the said Philip, before Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, John de Grantham, John de Prestone, Henry Darcy, Richard de Hakeneye, Henry de Combemartyn, Richard le Lacer, John de Caustone, William de Caustone, Andrew Aubrey, John Hamond, Aldermen, and Henry de Secheford, the Chamberlain, and prayed that a sum of 10½ marks bequeathed to the said Isabella by her father, and now in the custody of the said Alice, as appears *supra*,¹ might be paid for the maintenance of the said Isabella and for teaching her a trade as an apprentice. The petition granted.

Fo. clix b.

*De conserva-
cione ordina-
cionis facta pro
Ponte etc. sub
pena d'i marc'.*

Monday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], Robert ate Folde, Benedict de Shorne, John Thurgod, Robert le Hore, Stephen de Hoddesdone, Stephen ate Stoples, Elias ate Folde, and Thomas Swetyngge, fishmongers at "les Stokkes," attached to answer a plea that whereas the King Edward I. had permitted Henry le Waleis, then Mayor, and the Commonalty of the City to build a certain place adjacent to the wall of the churchyard of the church of Wolcherchehaghe, and to let it out for rents for the maintenance of London Bridge, and the said Mayor and Commonalty had built a house thereon and had called it "les Stokkes" as a market for flesh and fish, and likewise had ordained that butchers and fishmongers should sell their commodities there and nowhere else except in places of old prescribed,² and the above ordinance had been confirmed by the present King³—they the said Robert ate Folde and the rest had acted contrary to the said ordinance. The defendants plead guilty and promise not to act contrary to the ordinance in future on pain of a fine of half a mark for each day they offend.

¹ Pp. 192-3, where, however, the sum is recorded as 10 marks.

² *Vide supra*, pp. 186, 189.

³ *Vide supra*, p. 189.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], John de Totenham, carpenter, admitted and sworn before Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Roger le Palmere, John de Grantham, Richard de Hakeneie, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, John de Caustone, Sheriff, Thomas de Evenesfeld, Robert le Bret, goldsmith, and John de Castelacre, commoners, to keep the assizes in the City between neighbours, and adjudicate upon partition of houses, land, &c., when called upon, in the place of Adam de Rothynge, carpenter, deceased.

*Admissio
Joh'is de Toten-
ham carpentar'
ad conservand'
assisas Civi-
tatis.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London notifying the appointment of commissioners, viz., Thomas Blount, Roger Beler, and Simon Croiser, to inquire into an assault alleged to have been made upon Henry de Palyntone in the house of Robert de Gonebi in Fletestrete, by Adam Brabazoun, William de Hakeneye, William de Neuport, William de Sandale, John Tornegold, John de Reveham, William Trigge, Henry "Greyng,"¹ Walter, son of John le Mazerer, William de Berkynge, "pessoners," John de Boxelee, John Jonesman² de Boxele, Robert de Ledburi, Thomas de Shene, Henry de Masshebur, Richard de Gisorz, John Turkild, William Monami, William de Ware, Andrew de Northfolk, Henry de la Keche, Walter de Eli, and William de Reveham. Dated at Westminster, 12 June, 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

Fo. clx.

*Breve d'ni
Regis ad au-
diend' et ter-
minand' etc.*

Similar writs on behalf of John de Palyntone, Thomas de Palyntone, and Robert le Yreis against the same.

26 June, 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], came Hamo de Chigwelle, the Mayor, Robert de Swalclive, Henry de Seccheford, John de Oxon', and Adam de Sarum, Aldermen, before the Barons [of the Exchequer], and acknowledged themselves bound to John de Stebenheth, clerk, in the sum of £15, payable on the morrow of St. Michael next, on account of an embroidered cope of silk and gold presented to Sir Walter "Reginald"

Fo. clx b.

¹ "Brynge" on fo. clxi.

² Meaning probably John, the man of John (or John's man) de Boxelee, previously mentioned. Cf. "Thomam

Stace et Laurentium Geffreyesman Stace," *i.e.*, Thomas Stace and Laurence the man of Geoffrey Stace. *Infra*, p. 218.

(Reynaud) by the Mayor and Commonalty at the time of his being appointed Archbishop of Canterbury [*sic*].¹

*Acquietanc'
Joh'is de Ste-
benhethe de
Lxv.*

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday before the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329], came John de Stebenhethe before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer and acknowledged that he had received the aforesaid money from John de Grantham, the Mayor, and the Commonalty of the City, and gave an acquittance for the same.

Fos. clxi-
clxi b.

Pleas at St. Martin le Grand, London, before Thomas le Blount, Roger Beler, and Simon Croiser, Justices of the lord the King, assigned to hear and determine a certain trespass committed against Henry de Palyngtone in Fletestrete, Friday after the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], by the King's writ. The plaintiff appeared; the defendants failed to appear. Thereupon the Mayor and citizens pleaded certain charters confirmed by the present King, whereby the King agreed not to assign Justices for any matters arising in the City and suburbs except Justices itinerant at the Tower and Justices for gaol delivery of Neugate and for correcting errors at St. Martin le Grand,² and as the above Justices were not assigned for any one of these purposes, they prayed that the said Justices should not act to the prejudice of the citizens. A day named for hearing judgment thereon. The Sheriffs return the names of sureties for certain of the defendants, whilst others they return as not being found within their bailiwick. Thereupon the Mayor and citizens proffer a writ of the King dated 5 July, 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], bidding the Justices to do nothing prejudicial to the liberties of the citizens. The

*Calumpnia
libertat' ne
predicti Justic'
sedeant infra
civitatem.*

*Breve d'ni R'
ne predicti
Justic' sedeant,
etc.*

¹ This cope, valued at £30, formed part of the property handed over by Richard Costantyn in 1307 to the orphan children of Simon and Alice Godard, one of whom, viz., Margery, became the wife of John de Stebenhethe. In the following year the Mayor and Aldermen purchased the cope for the sum above mentioned, and presented it to Walter Reynolds on his becoming Bishop of Worcester (*not*,

as recorded here, on his translation to the See of Canterbury). See 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' pp. 205, 206. One-half of the price appears to have been duly paid by the civic authorities, the customary guardians of all City orphans, the residue remaining unpaid for more than twenty years.

² See Inspeximus charter, 8 June, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319]. 'Liber Cust.' i. 267; 'Liber Albus,' i. 14.

plaintiff objects to the delay hereby caused, and asks that the plaint be proceeded with. A day given, but nothing done, owing to the absence of the Justices.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs of London that they take steps to make the nine weights used for weighing tin in Cornwall, now committed to them, to agree with the standard of London and return the same to William de Pasforde, the King's valet, for him to take back to Cornwall and deliver the same to the Sheriff of Cornwall and Roger de "Blakecolvesle" (Blakecolnesle?), the Comptroller of the Stannary, inasmuch as the said weights, which had been in use since the time of Richard, Earl of Cornwall, had been reported by Henry Champernoun (*de Campo Arnulphi*) and Stephen de Hacombe, the King's Commissioners, as worn out. They had, moreover, been tampered with by a certain William de Monketone, a former Sheriff of Cornwall and Warden of the Stannary, and Benedict Reneward, a receiver in the said county, who had been duly convicted and punished. Witness, W[alter Stapleton], Bishop of Exeter. Dated at Westminster, 28 June, 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

Fo. clxii.

*Breve d'ni R^e
pro ponderibus
stagnerie Cornubie.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs of London that they appear before the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer at Westminster on Tuesday before the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], to certify that the nine weights for weighing tin in the county of Cornwall lately sent to them had been repaired so as to agree with the King's standard of London, according to the King's late command. Witness, R[oger] Beler. Dated at Westminster, 3 Aug., 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

Fo. clxii b.

Breve R.

Return made to the above writ to the effect that they had caused the weights to agree with the King's standard of London, viz., two weights each of 200 lb., one of 100 lb., each 100 lb. being equivalent to 112 lb.; two of half a hundredweight each, or 56 lb.; one of 32 lb., one of 16 lb., one of 8 lb., and one of 4 lb., and that they had delivered them to William de Pasford, the King's valet, to carry to Cornwall to the Sheriff there and Roger de "Blacolvesle" (Blacolnesle?), the Comptroller of the Stannary, &c. [and these weights for weighing tin and other

*Returnum
brevis quod
intratur in
alia parte
istius folii de
pond'.*

heavy (*grossas*) merchandise in the City of London we have used from time immemorial, &c.].¹

M^o de xls. traditis Regin' de Conductu'.

Be it remembered that on Monday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], Reginald de Conduit, Alderman, received by the hands of Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, 40s., to the use of Walter, son of John le Rede.

Afterwards, viz., on Saturday before the Epiphany [6 Jan.], 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326-7], the aforesaid sum of 40s. was delivered, by the assent of Sir Richard de Betoynes and the Aldermen, to Geoffrey de Langele, "bocher," of Westchepe, and Peter Rede, brother of the aforesaid Walter, in trust for the said Walter.

Friday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], came Peter de "Gosberkyrk," draper, before Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, Robert de Swalclif, John Poyntel, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, and found security for the sum of 100 marks bequeathed to John, son of Simon de Abyndone. Surety, viz., John de Nonnes.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], for the greater security of the above 100 marks bequeathed to John, son of Simon de Abyndone, came Robert Persone, "peleter," John de Polteneye, draper, and Roger de Lenne, "vineter," to the Husting before Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and bound themselves in the same manner as John de Nonnes on behalf of Peter de "Goseberkyrk."

Custodia Conductus.

Friday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], William le Latoner, John Albon, and Richard le Gaunt' sworn to keep the Conduit, the keys of which were delivered to them.

Fo. clxiii.

Assignment by Richard de Benstede, wax-chandler, and Margery his wife, to William de Bokkyng, "plomer," and Agnes his wife, of their life interest in a tenement formerly belonging to William de Sabrichesworth in the parish of St. Martin Orgar de Candelwykstrete, and situate near the

¹ Added by a different hand.

tenements of William de Brikyndone, "stokfissmongere," and Juliana la Barbere, paying to the Prior and Convent of the New Hospital of St. Mary without Bishshopesgate the yearly sum of 52s., out of which certain payments were due to Master Simon de Caunterberi, carpenter, and John de Mockynge. Witnesses, Hamo de Chigewelle, Mayor, John de Caustone and "Beneyt" de Fulsham, Sheriffs, Walter de "Pappewrth," then Alderman [of the Ward], Peter de "Stoundone," Richard ate Diche, and John de Wync[estre], "plomers." Dated Friday after the Translation of St. Martin [4 July], 18 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

*Scriptum
Will'i de Bok-
kyng' plom' et
Agn' ux' ejus
per Ric'm de
Benstede et
Margerie ux'
ejus, etc.*

ijjs. vjd.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], came Gilbert de Lesnes and John de Dallynge, junior, again, as appears in the paper of recognizances, anno 18 Edward II., and acknowledged themselves bound to Gilbert de Brauncestre in the sum of 13 marks; and inasmuch as the latter was under age and could not give an acquittance to the aforesaid Gilbert and John, there came William Mountagu and Juliana, relict of Richard le Joignour, and bound themselves to save harmless the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, as also the above Gilbert and John, &c.

*De securitate
facta Gilb'o de
Lesnes et Joh'i
de Dallyng'
per Gilb'm de
Brauncestre.*

In the Husting held on Monday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], Nicholas de Farndone and Reginald de Conduit, Aldermen, and Edmund Cosyn and Thomas Prentiz were appointed auditors of the account of John Sterre and Roger ate Vigne, Wardens of the Bridge, &c.

*Auditores
comp' cus-
todum Pontis.*

Friday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], John Albon and Richard le Gaunt removed from the custody of the Conduit, and Geoffrey de Gedelestone, "cotiller," and Henry de Ware appointed in their place, together with Benedict of the Guildhall (*de Gihalda*).

*Custodia
conduct'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London for the election of two representatives of the City to attend a Parliament (*colloquium et tractatum*) to be held at Westminster in the octave of St. Martin [11 Nov.].² Dated at Westminster, 10 Oct., 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

Fo. clxiii b.

*Breve R' pro
civibus veni-
end' ad Par-
liament'.*

¹ Candlewick Street.

² Sat from 18 Nov. to 5 Dec.

*Commissio
civium
euncium ad
Parliament
pro civitate.*

Letters patent under the Common Seal from H[amo] de Chigewelle, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the whole Commonalty, notifying the King of the election of Anketin de Gisorz and Henry de Sechford to attend the Parliament. Dated 16 Nov., 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].¹

Pleas of the Hall (aule) of the lord the King at the Tower of London before T[homas?] le Blunt, Steward and Marshal of the King's House,² Thursday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

John de Caustone, one of the Sheriffs of London, attached to answer the lord the King touching a contempt within the verge, &c. Alan de Lek, serjeant-herbergeour of the King's household, who prosecutes, says that when, on the King and his household coming to the Tower on Monday after the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], he the said Alan had, as in duty bound, allotted to a certain Richard de Ayremynne,³ secretary to the lord the King, the house of the said John de Caustone at Billyngesgate, and in token thereof had marked the house with chalk according to custom, and had placed therein the retinue of the said Richard, the said Sheriff came and in the presence of the lord the King, and within the verge, maliciously removed the mark and turned out the retinue, in contempt of the lord the King to the extent of £1,000. The Sheriff pleads not guilty and demands a jury. A day given, &c. The Mayor and citizens thereupon plead the charter of King Henry III., which declares that no one should take a hostel

¹ The writ and commission printed in Palgrave's 'Parl. Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 339.

² Otherwise known as the Court of the Marshalsea, held in the *aula regis* before the Steward and Marshal of the King's House for the purpose of hearing pleas of trespass committed within the verge of the Court, and determining matters between members of the royal household. By Stat. 13 Ric. II., st. 1, c. 3, the *verge* of

the Court was limited to twelve miles round the King's place of residence for the time being.

³ Or "Ermine." At one time he was Chief Clerk of the Chancery, a position he held in 1319 when he fell into the hands of the Scots. He became Keeper of the Great Seal, and shortly after the episode here related Bishop of Norwich. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.' (Rolls Series), i. 287, 309; ii. 284.

by force within the walls of the City, or in Portesokne, or by delivery of the Marshal,¹ which charter had been confirmed by charter of the present King dated at York, 8 June, the twelfth year of his reign. They further plead the King's amplification of their liberties, which were not to be forfeited by non-user,² and they proffer the King's writ to his Steward and Marshal bidding them not to molest the citizens. And they say that by virtue of the aforesaid grants such livery of hostels at the King's coming into the City was accustomed to be made by the Mayor, Sheriffs, and officers of the City in the presence of the Marshal of the House and by none other. They therefore ask that this liberty be allowed them. Thereupon a day is given for hearing judgment. All parties appear. The jurors find the aforesaid John not guilty of the contempt with which he was charged, he therefore goes *sine die*, &c. And because it was testified before the King and his Council by John de Westminster, late Marshal of the House, that in times past such liveries in the City had been accustomed to be made by the Mayor, Sheriffs, and officers of the City in the presence of the Marshal and by none other, it was agreed that the aforesaid Mayor and citizens should in future use the same liberty, saving the right of the King, &c.

*Libertas allo-
cata cor' Sen'
et Mar' de hos-
pitiis non
capiend' in
civitate.*

Acquittance by Nicholas de Debeneye, "formager,"³ and Mary his wife, daughter of Geoffrey de Brandone, late mercer, to Sir Robert, the parson of the chapel of Iselynggham, Alice, late wife of the aforesaid Geoffrey, William de Elsyngge, mercer, and Thomas de Grauntebrigge, executors of the said Geoffrey, for property left to the aforesaid Mary by her father. Witnesses, John de Orleton,⁴ John Knapwed, Nicholas de Grenewiz, John de Strode, John de Colewelle, mercer, Richard le Coffrer,

Fo. clxiv.

*Quietanc' exec'
test' i Galf'r' i de
Brandon'.*

¹ This charter is dated 26 March, 52 Henry III. [A.D. 1268].

² See Inspeximus charter, 8 June, 12 Edward II. [A.D. 1319]. 'Liber Cust.', i. 267.

³ Cheesemonger.

⁴ From the will of Alice de Brandon, dated 20 March, 23 Edward III. [A.D.

1348-9], as recorded in a cartulary of the Mercers' Company (privately printed, 1892, p. 246), it appears that John de Orleton married the widow of Geoffrey de Brandon. This fact does not appear in her will as enrolled in the Court of Husting. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 612, 613.

Geoffrey le Cotel[er], William de St. Alban, John Potyn, Ralph de Braghinge, Ralph Pycot, John le Tableter, William de Corvedale, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated in St. Laurence lane in the Jewry, Sunday before the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

Thursday the eve of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], came Walter de Mordone before Hamo de Chigge-welle, the Mayor, Robert de Swalclif, Reginald de Conduit, and Roger le Palmere, Aldermen, and Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged that he had in his hands the following goods belonging to the children of Paulin Turk, viz., three lasts of herrings, two silver dishes, and £6 10s. in money, all of which the said Walter was ordered to deliver to John de Comptone, guardian of the said children.

Fo. clxiv b.

*Custodia
pueror² Paulini
Turk.*

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325], the guardianship of John, Peter, Elena, and Cristina, children of Paulin Turk, committed to John de Comptone, fishmonger, by Hamo de Chigge-welle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen. Sureties, viz., William de Prestone, "weder,"¹ and William de Bronne, ironmonger.

*Acquietancia
custod² Pont²
London².*

Acquittance under the Common Seal by Hamo de Chigge-welle, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens to Roger ate Vigne and John Sterre, Wardens of London Bridge, on their account to Michaelmas last. Dated Tuesday before the Feast of St. Thomas [21 Dec.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

*De Kayo Sc'i
Botulphi.*

Confirmation of ordinance to the effect that the wharf of St. Botolph with houses appertaining thereto shall be kept in repair by the Wardens of London Bridge for the time being. Dated *ut supra*.

*Adhuc de
custodia
pueror² Paulini
Turk.*

Saturday after the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331], at the request of William Bronne and William de Prestone, it was agreed by the Mayor and Aldermen that John de Comptone should not be released from Neugate, where he was being detained for certain reasons by the Sheriff, until he had satisfied the children of Paulin Turk according to the custom of the City.

¹ Perhaps a dealer in woad.

At the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday before the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], came Peter de Gosberkirke, being warned by Peter de Hungrie, Serjeant of the Chamber, at the order of Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, and delivered to the said Mayor and Aldermen the sum of 100 marks which had been left by Simon de Abyndone to John his son, and prayed an acquittance for himself and his sureties. Thereupon came John de Caustone and Eva his wife, principal executrix of the said Simon and testamentary guardian of the said John, and prayed that the money might be delivered to them, and this was granted, the said John de Caustone finding the following sureties, viz., Richard de Hakeneye, Alderman, Benedict de Fulsham, Thomas de Evenefeld, "spicer," and Richard Ruthyn, mercer, the aforesaid Peter de Gosberkirke and his sureties being released.

Fo. clxv.

*Centum marce
tradite Joh'i
de Caustone,
etc.*

Thursday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], the guardianship of Isabella, daughter of Andrew de Faisceby, Marshal (*marescalli*), committed by Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to Mary, the mother of the said Isabella, the said Mary finding sureties, viz., William and John, sons of John de Honylane.

*Custodia Is'
fil' Andr' de
Faisceby.*

Lease by Edward le Blount, son of John le Blount, to Morice Turgis, draper, of his seld in Westchepe, situate near the seld of Robert de Hagham and the tenement late belonging to Aleyn de Sutton; to hold the same from Michaelmas last for life and for one year after his decease at an annual rent of £4. Witnesses, Robert de Hagham, Knt., Ralph de Uptone, Walter Miriet, John de Someresham, Adam "Inthelane," &c. Dated Sunday the Feast of the Conception B. M. [8 Dec.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325].

Fo. clxv b.

*Scriptum Mo-
ricii Turgys
per Edwardum
le Blound.*

Enrolled before Henry de Seccheford, Alderman, on Saturday after the Purification [2 Feb.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325-6].

Lease by William Trugge, girdler, to Robert (de) Wynehelme, girdler, of a tenement situate near the tenement of Robert de Worstede, and rents in Aldermanberi in the parish of St. Laurence Jewry, excepting a portion of a tenement held

Fo. clxvi.

*Scriptum
Rob'ti Wyne-
helm per
Will'm Trug'.*

by Robert de Dodeford and "Eleyne" his wife, widow of Adam Trugge, father of the said William; to hold the same in satisfaction of a debt for a term of ten years. Dated the eve of Easter [7 April], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326].

*De xxx. legat'
ad Cameram
Gildaul' in
tes'o Thome
Romayn.*

Extract from the will of Thomas Romeyn, proved in the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 6 Edward II. [A.D. 1312-13],¹ touching a bequest to the Chamber of the Guildhall of 20s. annual quitrent issuing from his tenement in Sopereslane.

*Fo. clxvi b.
Custodia Mar-
gerie et Jul'
filiar' Elie fil'
Math'i le
Chaundel'.*

At the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday before the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], the guardianship of Margery and Juliana, daughters of Elias, son of Matthew le Chaundeler de Candelwykstrete, was committed to John le Neve de Candelwykstrete, with the assent of Matilda Abraham, their grandmother, by Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen. Sureties, viz., Robert de Hatfeld, "burler," and Robert le Yonge, "burler." Mention made of Roger de Depham.

*Fo. clxvii.
De Stapul'
lane.*

Letters patent addressed to the Sheriffs of London bidding them to cause proclamation to be made of ordinances regulating the Staple of England, Ireland, and Wales. Dated at Kenilworth, 1 May, 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326].²

*Fo. clxvii b.
Litera d'ni R'
pro cardoni-
bus, etc.*

Letter of Privy Seal addressed to Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, acknowledging the receipt of his letter informing the King of the fact that Flemings, Brabanters, and other foreigners had been seizing all the teasels (*cardouns*), "bure,"³ madder, woad, fuller's earth, and other materials for making cloth that they could lay hands on in order to subvert the Staple, and that

¹ The will is recorded in the Husting Rolls as having been proved on Monday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], anno 6 Edward II. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 238.

² These ordinances had been drawn up at a council which the King held at Westminster soon after Easter, and were proclaimed in the City on the 12th May ('Chron. of Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. p. 312). The ordi-

nances and the two writs which immediately follow are also recorded in 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 1, membr. 15.

³ Probably meaning burrs, or flocks of wool used in the manufacture of coarse cloth known as "burel" or "borel." Cf. Fr. *bourre*. This at least seems a more reasonable interpretation than *butter*, as adopted by the editor of the 'Memorials,' p. 149.

he (the Mayor) had arrested 20 tuns (*toneux*) that had been shipped for abroad. The King commends his action and charges him to arrest all materials of the kind passing through the City for the purpose of being shipped abroad to the injury of the Staple. Dated at Saltwode,¹ 21 May, 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326].

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they make proclamation within the City against the exportation of "taseles" and fuller's earth. Witness the King at Saltwode, 30 May, 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326].²

Writ to the same, bidding them to select two citizens engaged in the trade of wool, leather, woolfels, and tin, the Staple of which commodities had been appointed to be held in certain places, and not elsewhere, and to cause them to appear at the house of the Preaching Friars on the morrow of St. Barnabas [11 June], before Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, John de Cherleton, Reginald de Conduit, and Henry Darcy, merchants of the City of London, and John de Flynt and John de Hales, merchants of Norwich, for them to select one to be Mayor of the Staples aforesaid. Witness the King at Croydon, 24 May, 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1326].

Saturday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], came Peter Moles, merchant of "Meilorg",³ before Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, Robert de Swalclif, Roger le Palmere, Richard de Hakeneie, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, and Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, and pledged himself to save harmless Stephen de Bercote and John de Writtle for having disobeyed a summons to appear before the King.

Letter [from the Mayor, &c., of the City] to the King praying him not to remove the tron for wool to the New Temple, which lay outside the City,⁴ and was a difficult place to bring wool to by river, especially in time of frost. Dated 30 July, 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326].

Fo. clxviii.

*Breve d'ni R^e
ne cardones
ducantur extra
regnum, etc.*

*Breve Reg^e ad
eligend^u Mai-
orem stapular^u
lan^u, etc.*

Fo. clxviii b.

*Litera missa
d'no R^e pro
Stapula lane
viz: pro trona,
etc.*

¹ The manor and castle of Saltwood, situate near Hythe, co. Kent, appertained to the See of Canterbury. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' i. 312.

² 'Memorials,' p. 150.

³ Perhaps Maylor, co. Flint.

⁴ *Est en foreyn lieu del suburbe hors de la Cite.*

Fo. clxix.

*De Stapula
lane.*

Writ to the Mayor of London to see that the ordinances made by the late King touching the Staple be duly observed. Dated at Notyngham, 1 May, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327].

*Breve d'ni R'
pro predicta
Stapula
tenend'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London that they proclaim the King's will that the ordinances of the Staple made by Edward II. be upheld, notwithstanding his having made an exception in favour of certain merchants who had promised to assist him in his war with Scotland with 300 woolfels out of every last of skins. Witness the King at York, 1 March, 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1327-8].

*Exoneracio
Joh'is de Caus-
tone et Eve
uxoris ejus de
c marcis.*

Saturday before the Feast of St. James [25 July], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], came Stephen, son of Simon de Abyndone, before Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Gregory de Nortone, John Hamond, Richard de Hakeneye, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and acknowledged satisfaction for the sum of 100 marks due to him on the death of John his brother by bequest of Simon his father, and he quitclaimed John de Caustone and Eva his wife, mother of the said Stephen and John.

Fo. clxix b.

At the Husting held on Monday before the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331], came John de Dallynge, junior, executor of Henry Burel, and prayed that the wardship of John, the only surviving son of Henry Burel, now aged seven years, the other son having died, might be taken into the hands of the Court, now that John Somer, who had formerly been appointed guardian,¹ had died without devising the wardship. Thereupon precept to the Chamberlain to take the said wardship into the City's hands.

Afterwards, viz., at the Husting held on Monday after the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.], came the aforesaid John de Dallinge and prayed that the wardship might be committed to him, which was granted. Sureties, viz., John de Aylesham and Thomas de Cauntebr[igge], mercer. The sureties of John Somer, viz., William Pikerel, John de Bredstrete, and Hugh de Depedene, discharged by the Court.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1333], a question having been

¹ *Supra*, p. 199.

raised as to a rent-charge on a certain shop, the property of the above infant, payable to Edmund de Coventre, an inquest was held on the Friday after the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July], 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1333], on the oath of Nicholas atte Mersshe, Roger de Wenlok, Theobald de Caustone, Simon de Gartone, John de Aylesham, Robert de Wyttele, Thomas de Worstede, Nicholas de Caustone, John de Colewell, Simon de Hyndringham, William de Elsing, junior, and Thomas de Cantebrigge, junior, and the rent-charge was allowed.

The last particulars recorded by precept of Reginald de Conduit and Gregory de Nortone, Aldermen.

Writ of Privy Seal addressed to the Mayor and Sheriffs of London, enclosing a form of proclamation to be made in the City, calling for assistance against Roger de Mortimer and other of the King's enemies who had entered the kingdom,¹ and offering a reward for his head. Dated at the Tower, 28 Sept., 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326].²

Fo. clxx.

Proclamation made on Michaelmas Eve.

Writ to the Mayor of London and to the clerk appointed to receive recognizances of debts in the City according to the form of the Statute formerly (*dudum*) promulgated at Westminster,³ bidding them see that the form of the Statute is duly observed, notwithstanding an ordinance recently passed by certain great ones of the realm to the effect that the aforesaid Statute should only have effect as between merchant and merchant and their goods.⁴ Dated at Westminster, 23 July, 20 [Edward II., A.D. 1326].

Fo. clxx b.

*Breve Reg^s de
statuto mer-
catorum.*

¹ Queen Isabella, with Prince Edward and Mortimer, had recently landed at Harwich and invoked the aid of the City. Aungier, 'French Chron.' (Riley's translation), p. 262; 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. pp. 313-15.

² Cf. Rymer's 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 644.

³ Referring to the Statute of Merchants, otherwise known as the Statute of Acton Burnel (notwithstanding *apud*

Westm' editi), passed anno 11 Edward I. See 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 79, note.

⁴ Art. xxxiii. of the ordinances made in 1311 by the "Ordainers" in order to force the King's hand ('Statutes of the Realm,' i. 165). In 1322 the King himself had relaxed the operation of the Statute of Acton Burnel touching recognizances ('Rot. Parl.,' i. 457).

Fo. clxxi.

*Breve Regi de
Maioratu Lon-
doni restituto.*

Writ to the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and the whole of the Commonalty of the City, announcing the restitution of the Mayoralty, which had been taken into the King's hand when the Justices in Eyre last sat at the Tower, and bidding them elect a Mayor¹ within eight days from the receipt of this writ. Witness Edward, the King's first-born son, guardian of the realm, at Hereford, 6 Nov., 20 [Edward II., A.D. 1326].

The above writ enrolled at the Exchequer in Memoranda anno 20 Edward II., Michaelmas term.

*Lre Regis pa-
tentes ad in-
novand' p'd'm
br'e de
Maioratu.*

Letters patent ratifying the contents of the above writs. Witness the King himself, at Kenylworth, 5 Dec., 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326].²

Fo. clxxi b.

Monday after the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], ordinance made by the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, merchants, and others of the City that all foreigners who had obtained the freedom of the City should be removed from the said freedom, except merchants of Amias, Corbie, and Neele,³ and that thenceforth no foreigner should be admitted to the freedom except in the Husting with the consent of the Commonalty, and on the security of six reputable men of his trade.⁴

¹ In January, 1321, when the King's Justices held the memorable *Iter* at the Tower, the City had been taken into the King's hand, and Robert de Kendale had for a short time acted as Warden in place of Farndone, deposed from the Mayoralty. In the following May, the City having recovered its liberties, Chigwelle was elected Mayor and so continued until 1323, when he was removed by the King, who kept him in close attendance, and put Farndone in his place. Farndone remained in office until December of that year, when he, in turn, was deposed by the King in favour of Chigwelle, who continued in office until, by virtue of this writ, Richard de Betoyne was elected by the citizens in his place. See 'Cal.

Letter-Book D,' pp. 31n, 32, and *supra*, pp. 178, 179; 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. p. 318.

² Printed in Kymer's 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 647.

³ Exceptional privileges had been granted to the merchants of these towns in 1237, the year of Gilbert de Sanford's grant to the City of the waters of Tyburn (see 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 14), to the execution of which the merchants in their gratitude contributed £100 sterling. 'Liber Cust.,' i. 64-66. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book B,' p. 77 note.

⁴ Thus recurring to the practice promulgated in certain "new articles" sanctioned by the King in 1319 and recorded *supra*, fo. xc.

Be it remembered that Sir Edward, the King's son and guardian of the realm, with the assent of his father, given at Kenelworth, held his Parliament at Westminster on the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], anno 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326-7].¹ And what was transacted in the said Parliament will be found in the great book of charters and liberties of the City aforesaid,² &c.

Be it remembered that at Christmas, anno 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], came Sir John de Stratford, Bishop of Wyncestre, and Thomas de Wake, lord of Lidel, to the Guildhall on certain business touching the lord the King, and among other things they said that the work of repairing the chapel adjoining the Guildhall had ceased, and they inquired the cause. Thereupon they were told by Richard de Betoigne, the Mayor, that with their assistance and that of other great men of the land the work would, by God's grace, be completed. Whereupon the said Thomas de Wake granted sufficient timber for the work of the chapel, and the said Sir John de Stratford granted sufficient lead for covering the same.³

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327], the guardianship of John, son of John atte More, "Bourser," aged eight years, and of Stephen, another son, aged two years, committed by Richard de Betoigne, the Mayor, and the Aldermen [not named], to Peter Staci, "ismongere," and "Alesia" his wife, relict of the above John atte More. Sureties, viz., Edmund Lambyn and Robert Baudri.

Afterwards, viz., on Saturday before the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 20 Edward III. [A.D. 1346], came John,

*De meremio et
plumbo con-
cessis capelle
Gildaulfe.*

Fo. clxxii.

*Custodia Joh'is
et Steph'i filior'
Joh'is atte
More, Bourser.*

¹ The writs had originally been issued by Prince Edward in his father's name on the 28th Oct., the Parliament to meet on the 14th Dec. After the King's flight and the seizure of the Great Seal new writs were issued and the meeting postponed to the 7th Jan., when the King was a prisoner at Kenilworth. Palgrave, 'Parl. Writs,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 350.

² No such book is to be found among the City's archives at the pre-

sent day. It had presumably disappeared before the fifteenth century, inasmuch as it is not included in the schedule of manuscript books extant among the City's archives *temp.* Henry VI., as recorded at the end of Letter-Book D. See 'Calendar,' pp. 317, 318.

³ 'Memorials,' p. 152. Cf. Price's 'Historical Account of the Guildhall,' pp. 111, 112.

son of John atte More, before William de Briklesworth, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged satisfaction, and asked on behalf of himself and Stephen, his aforesaid brother, now deceased, that the sureties might be released and the guardianship cancelled.

*Acquietanc^e
facta Roberto
le Callere per
Joh^m le
Wariner de
Wyndcaul-
tone.*

ijs. vjd.

Deed of acquittance by John le Wariner de Wyndcaultone,¹ late apprentice to Robert le Callere, mercer, to his former master, and covenant to keep him harmless as to everything done by his late apprentice in term of service. Witnesses, John de Bray the elder, Henry Wymond, William de Braie the elder, woolmongers (*laners*), Henry Sterre, Walter Nel, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated 9 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326-7].

Tuesday before Christmas, anno 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327], came John de Cotoun, Alderman, and paid Richard de Reynham the sum of 10 marks in the presence of Hamo de Chigge-welle, the Mayor, and Gregory de Nortone, Alderman, which sum was due under a recognizance in the Husting, and the said John is quit.

Fo. clxxii b.

*The Account of Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain of the Guildhall, touching receipts from the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325-6], to the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], viz., for two years and twenty-seven weeks less one day, rendered before Hamo de Chigwelle, Reginald de Conduit, Stephen de Abyndone, and William de Elsyng, auditors appointed by the Mayor and Commonalty, Monday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], anno 2 Edward III., by Sir William Horn, Philip the Notary, and John atte Vyne, executors of the aforesaid Andrew.*²

Recept^p.

The receipts comprise sums of money for redemptions of the freedom, for entrances and exits of apprentices, recognizances

¹ Wincanton, co. Somerset.

² The names of the executors of his will (dated 9 Oct., A.D. 1328, and proved and enrolled in the following February), as recorded in the Court of Husting, London, are William

Horn, the testator's brother, Henry Sterre, fishmonger, Master Philip the Notary, and John de la Viegne, clerk. Hust. Roll 57 (16). This account of the late Chamberlain is also recorded in Rolls of Pleas of Memoranda

of debts, money received from Richard de Betoynes, the Mayor, and John de Croydon to meet the expense of obtaining new franchises in Parliament, and money received for making a present to Dame Philippa, the new Queen of England, &c. Total, £282 12s. 3d.

The expenditure comprises sums of money paid to Robert de Swalclive, the Recorder, and other officials of the City, and to citizens attending Parliament at York, money expended on victuals, gifts, &c. Total, £291 11s. 4½d.

Expens'.

Deed of acquittance under the Common Seal to the above executors, they having delivered to Henry de Seccheford, the new Chamberlain, all things appertaining to the Chamber that had been in the custody of Andrew Horn. Dated Monday the eve of the Assumption [15 Aug.], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

Account of Andrew Horn, late Chamberlain, deceased, touching rents and tenements of Walter, son of the late Richard Cook, for eight years from Michaelmas, 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], to Michaelmas, 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], rendered on Wednesday after the Epiphany [6 Jan.], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328-9], before Hamo de Chigwelle, Reginald de Conduit, John de Prestone, and Richard de Hakeneye, Aldermen, and Henry de Seccheford, Alderman and Chamberlain, auditors appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen.

Fos. clxxiii-clxxiii b.

Receipts for the said term £38 8s.

Receipt'.

The expenditure comprises sums of money spent on repairing a fountain, and furniture of a brewhouse in the parish of Stanyngcherche, on making a new cesspool (*cloaca*), as well as contributions to an aid for the King, and money spent on feeding and clothing the said Walter. Total, £38 4s. 3½d.

Expensis.

(Roll A 1, membr. 33 dors). In the acquittance which follows William Horn is recorded as Rector of the

church of "Retherheth" (Rotherhithe).

Fos. clxxiv-
clxxv.

*Pleas before the lord the King at Westminster, Michaelmas Term,
2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328].*¹

Precept to the Sheriffs as before² to summon twenty-four lawful knights of the venue of London to inquire into the manner in which an inquest had been taken at St. Martin's le Grand as to a trespass against Richard le Chaucer and Mary his wife by Geoffrey Stace, Agnes, late wife of Walter de Westhale, Thomas Stace, and Laurence "Geffreyesman"³ Stace, and whether perjury had been committed or not.⁴

Return made by Simon Fraunceys and Henry de Combe-martyn, the Sheriffs, to the effect that no attaint ought to be taken on citizens as to any matter arising within the City, therefore they could not execute the writ without prejudice to the City's liberties and customs.

Writ to Geoffrey le Scrope and his fellow-justices to allow the citizens to enjoy their liberties and free customs, which the King had recently confirmed. Dated at New Sarum, 28 Oct., 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328].

Pursuant to the above writ precept was issued to the Sheriffs for the Mayor and citizens to appear before the King on a

¹ The proceedings which follow are fully set out in the 'Liber Albus' (Rolls Series), i. 437-44.

² Alluding, probably, to a writ to similar effect dated from the Castle of "Dodeleye," 8 July, 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], recorded *infra*, p. 226.

³ Meaning "Laurence the man of Geoffrey Stace." Cf. *supra* (p. 201), John "Jonesman" de Boxele.

⁴ Referring to proceedings taken at Norwich for the forcible abduction of John, son and heir of Robert le Chaucer, from the guardianship of the said Richard and Mary, and his alleged forced marriage to Johanna, daughter of Walter de Westhale. The matter was removed for trial to St. Martin's le Grand, when, the defendants making default, the plaintiffs obtained a ver-

dict for £250 damages. These proceedings are entered on the Coram Rege Roll of Hilary Term, 19 Edward II., membr. 13 (as noted *infra*), and an abstract of them was set out by Mr. Walter Rye in a letter to the *Athenaeum* of the 29th Jan., 1881, in which he points to John and Robert le Chaucer there mentioned as being respectively the father and grandfather of the poet, and draws attention to the fact of Mary having been the wife of the said Robert le Chaucer and mother of John, as well as wife of a Richard le Chaucer and of a man named Heyroun, by whom she had a son named Thomas. See also 'Life and Records of Chaucer,' part iv., edited by Mr. R. E. G. Kirk for the Chaucer Soc. (1900), pp. ix-x.

certain day to prove their liberties and customs in such a case. They fail to appear. Another day given. The Mayor and citizens appear by Gregory de Nortone, the Recorder, and ask to be allowed the usual quarantine or respite of forty days to enable them to be advised as to the record to be made. The request granted, and a day given, when, the matter being fully argued, judgment is given against the aforesaid Geoffrey.

And because the said Geoffrey was convicted on a certain writ of trespass brought by the aforesaid Richard and Mary, as appears in Hilary Term, anno 19 Edward II., Roll xiii., the said Geoffrey is committed to the Marshal *quousque, etc.*

Monday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329], Sir Robert de Langetone, clerk of the Wardrobe of Dame Isabella, Queen of England, mother of the present King, came before the Mayor and Aldermen, and brought letters patent from the King addressed to the Mayor and Commonalty, bidding them pay to his said mother the sum of £11, being the amount due from the City for the bailiwick of Suthwerk, which he had assigned to her on 1 February, the first year of his reign [A.D. 1326-7]. Dated at Reygate, 5 July, 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

Fo. clxxv b.

The said Sir Robert also produced a letter from the said lady the Queen under the Seal of the Exchequer addressed to the Mayor and Commonalty, fermers of the bailiwick of Suthwerk, bidding them pay the sum of £10 to Robert de Langetone, clerk of her great Wardrobe, out of the aforesaid ferm, receiving in exchange a tally of the Exchequer, also produced. Dated 1 July, 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs, commending them for having set an assize of bread, beer, and wine, now that a time of plenty had succeeded to a time of scarcity, and bidding them see that such assize is duly observed, and that all kinds of victuals are sold at a reasonable price. Dated at Clypstone, 31 July, 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331].

*Breve Regis
pro pane, vino,
cervis et aliis
victualibus.*

[Fo. clxxvi blank.]

Agreement made between the men of the mistery of the Saddlers of London on the one part, and men of the mistery

Fos. clxxvi b.
clxxviii.

of Fusters (*Fustarii*¹) and Lorimers of copper and iron of the same City on the other, on Tuesday next after the Feast of Ascension [21 May], A.D. 1327, anno 1 Edward III.²

Fo. clxxviii. Acquittance by Thomas, son of Robert Lovet, to Thomas de
ijs. vjd. Blakeneye, draper, for £34 due under a recognizance in the
Exchequer. Dated Saturday after the Feast of the Annuncia-
tion B. M. [25 March], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328].

Fos. clxxviii b- Tuesday after the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas
clxxix. the Martyr [7 July] came merchants of the Hanse of Almaine,
Carta mer- viz., Wynandus de Isplingrode, Cristian de Cologne, Lodewyk
cator' de de Cologne, Renykin de Cologne, Arnald de Bevere [and]
Almanni. Wolfrid Wyse, before Hamo de Chigwelle, *locum tenens* of
Richard de Beton', the Mayor, and produced a certain charter
granted to them by Edward III. in the first year of his reign,
and asked that it might be enrolled.

[Here follows a copy of an Inspeximus Charter, dated at Westminster, 14 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326-7], which inspects and confirms a charter dated at Wyndesore, 7 Dec., 11 Edward II. [A.D. 1317], which latter confirms and amplifies the privileges granted to the Hanse merchants by Edward I. and Henry III.³]

Fo. clxxix b. Saturday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.],
1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327], Henry de Ware, "isemonger,"
Custos elected by good men of the vicinity of the Conduit, was ad-
Conduct'. mitted and sworn Warden of the Conduit in the presence of
Richard de Beton', the Mayor, and the Aldermen, to faithfully
collect the money left to or acquired by the Conduit, duly
expend the same in maintenance of the Conduit, and render an
account thereof when required. Sureties for the said Henry,
viz., Salomon le Coffrer, William de Gartone, John de Eneffeld,

¹ Fr. *fuster*, *fuyster*. Makers of the woodwork of saddles, saddle-bows (Fr. *arçons*). Not to be confounded with the *functores*, i.e., Joiners.

² The particulars are fully set out in English in Riley's 'Memorials,' pp. 156-62. They are also recorded

in 'Pleas and Memoranda Rolls,' A 1, membr. (viii) 10 dors, and Husting Common Pleas Roll, No. 51.

³ By charters dated respectively 18 Nov., 9 Edward I., and 15 June, 44 Henry III. See 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 41.

"chaundeler," Richard de Staundone, Bartholomew le Coteler, and John Albon, "peleter."

Afterwards, viz., on Tuesday after the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1329-30], the account of the above Henry de Ware having been audited before Thomas de Leyre and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, the said Henry was in arrears to the amount of 36s. 3d., which was forgiven him by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty by reason of the great pains he had taken in the custody of the Conduit.

*Comp' Henr'
de Ware.*

Saturday before the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327], came good men, hostellers and hay-mongers of London, to the Guildhall, and in the presence of Richard de Beton', the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Hamo de Chigwelle, Hamo Godchep, Anketyne de Gysors, Richard de Hakeneye, John Poyntel, Thomas de Leyre, John de Caustone, Hugh de Gartone, and John Prior, Aldermen, Roger Chauntecler and Richard de Rothynge, Sheriffs, and a great number of commoners from divers Wards summoned to be there present, proffered a petition against foreigners bringing hay to divers of the City and harbouring what they cannot sell in houses, gardens, and other places as if they were freemen. They further complain that whereas by the custom of the City hay brought by foreigners by land in carts ought to be sold by the entire cart-load or by truss, and before noon, under pain of forfeiture, foreigners arrive with carts loaded with dozens of small bottles (*boteles*) coated with powder and other dirt (*mauveste*) and sell it by retail, by halfpennyworths and farthings (*per mailles et ferthenges*), at any hour they please, to the prejudice of the people and contrary to the franchise of the City. For these things they pray a remedy, otherwise the foreigner and stranger would fare better than the denizen and freeman, inasmuch as the former have not to bear the burdens of aids like the latter. Thereupon it was ordained that hay belonging to strangers, and coming to the City by land or water, should not thenceforth be sold by bottles (*per botellos*), but only wholesale, by the boat-load, half boat-load, or quarter boat-load, and by cart-loads and horse-packs (*fesses equorum*), and packs as carried by men and

*Fos. clxxix b-
clxxx.*

women on their heads; and further, that strangers bringing hay by water shall not warehouse it nor land it before it be sold, under penalty of forfeiture, &c. And for the due observance of the above on land there were appointed the following, viz., John de Petewardyn, Walter de Lyndewode, Thomas Sencler, and by water, John le Long, Walter Overhee, and Dyonesius le Otemonger.¹

Fo. clxxx b.

Letters patent of Richard de Bettoyne, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Commonalty, under the Common Seal, notifying that Richard de Rothynge, the Sheriff, from whose custody Master Robert de Haselshawe, Provost of Welles, had escaped without paying to the Commonalty the sum of £100 as covenanted, had paid the money, and that the said Provost was free to come and live in the City under certain conditions. Dated 18 Sept., 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327].²

Be it remembered that of the aforesaid sum of £100 John de Gysors, Reginald de Conduit, John Hauteyn, and others—who were elected by the Commonalty to go to the late King at Kenelworth, when Sir William Trussel for himself and the commons of the realm renounced allegiance to the King and withdrew himself from the government of the realm³ about the Feast of Hillary—had for their expenses £50. Afterwards, viz., in the month of August, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327], when Sir Richard de Betton', the Mayor, went to the King at Nottingham to desire that the Exchequer and the Bench might remain at Westminster, he had £20 for his expenses; and Robert de Kelseye, elected by the Commonalty to go to Lincoln with Benedict de Fulsham to attend the King's Council⁴ on the

*Nota quod
scaccarium et
banco R' mor-
antur apud
Westm' ad
rogatum Mar-
London'.*

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 166, 167.

² *Id.*, pp. 167, 168. Cf. 'Pleas and Memoranda Rolls,' A 1, membr. (v) 7.

³ The terms of the formal renunciation of allegiance made by Trussel on this occasion are set out in 'Chron. Edw. I. and II.' (Rolls Series), ii. 90.

⁴ Robert de Kelseye and Benedict de Fulsham had previously accompanied Richard de Betoyn to Nottingham. See 'Pleas and Memoranda

Rolls,' A 1, membr. iii. The object of both missions was the same, viz., to endeavour to persuade the King not to remove the Exchequer from London to York, and both failed, as will be seen from the King's letters to the City, dated from Nottingham, the 10th Sept., and from Lincoln, the 23rd and 24th Sept., A.D. 1327. 'Pleas and Memoranda Rolls,' A 1, membr. iii and (v) 7.

morrow of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], had £10 for his expenses, the said Benedict paying his own expenses. And Anketin de Gisors and John de Caustone, Aldermen, and Thomas de Chigwell, commoner, who afterwards went to Lincoln to the King's Council, had £20 for their expenses.¹

Wednesday before the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327], came Payn le Purser, Robert de Flete, Robert de Borham, William Gander, and many others of the mistery of Pursers, before Hamo de Chigwelle, the *locum tenens* of Richard de Beton', the Mayor, and produced braels² [and] purses falsely made and lined within with flocks (*pilis*) and other base material, contrary to the ordinance lately made in the Husting for Pleas of Land on Monday after the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327]. The said braels and purses being found on inspection to be falsely made, orders were given for them to be burnt, and they were burnt at the Cross in Chepe.³

Thursday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327], the guardianship of John, son of Richard Sprot, committed to Laurence le Bret and Simon Mars, goldsmith, before Richard de Betoyn, the Mayor, Hamo de Chiggewelle, Gregory de Nortone, Anketin de Gisors, John de Caustone, Aldermen, and the Chamberlain, together with a brewhouse and a house adjoining Ludgate, &c. Sureties, viz., John de Hingstone, John de Bricheford, William de Waltham, and Richard le Long, goldsmiths.

Fo. clxxxi.

*Custod' Joh'is
fil' Ric'i Sprot.*

To a Court held for Pleas of Land on Tuesday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327], came Henry de Gisors and Henry le Palmer before Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, Richard de Betoyn, John de Grantham, John Priour, John de Polteneye, Anketin de Gisors, John de Caustone, Simon de Swanlond, Benedict de Fulsham, Henry de

*Manuc' Gracii
le Palmer'.*

¹ Cf. 'Pleas and Memoranda Rolls,' A 1, membr. (v) 7.

² Or braces. A "bregerdler" or brace-girdler = a maker or seller of

brael-girdles, *i.e.*, belts for supplying the place of braels or braces (Riley).

³ Recorded in 'Pleas and Memoranda Rolls,' A 1, membr. (vi) 8.

Secheford, Gregory de Nortone, Aldermen, and Henry Darci, Sheriff, and mainprised Grace le Palmer for good behaviour.

*Custod' Joh'is
fil' Ric'i Swote.*

Thursday the eve of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327], the guardianship of John, son of Richard Swote, aged two years, committed by Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to Richard, son of Robert Motoun, and to Katherine Swote his wife, mother of the said John.

Fo. clxxxi b.

*Scriptum Si-
monis Fraun-
ceys.*

Lease by William de Mountagu to Simon Fraunceys, mercer, of a cellar under certain tenements belonging to Richard de Rothynge, vintner, in the parish of St. Pancras in Sopereslane; to hold the same for a term of ten years from Christmas next. The aforesaid tenements formerly belonged to Walter le Foudour, and were delivered to the said Richard by John Cotoun and Gilbert de Mordone, the Sheriffs, by the King's writ, anno 19 Edward II., to satisfy a debt. Witnesses, Simon Corp, William de Elsynge, Richard de Elsynge, John de Pereres, Nicholas de Grenewiz, Adam de St. Alban, William de Corvedale, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Friday before the Feast of St. Thomas, Ap. [21 Dec.], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327].

ijs. vjd.

Fo. clxxxii.

*Scriptum
Joh'is Lambyn.*

Lease by Edmund Lambyn to John Lambyn, fishmonger, late apprentice to the said Edmund, of a tenement and wharf in the parish of St. Magnus in Briggestrete, situate near the tenement of Walter le Marbrer, for a term of eight years from Michaelmas, A.D. 1327, at an annual rent of 7 marks. Witnesses, Robert Swote, John de Warlee, Adam Pikeman, William Crosh, Thomas Pikeman, Walter le Marbrer, and others [not named]. Dated Palm Sunday [16 March], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326-7].

Fo. clxxxii b.

De eschaetria.

Writ to the Mayor of the City of London, the King's escheator, for an inquisition *ad quod damnum* touching a proposed grant of a messuage to the Prior and Convent of Holy Trinity, near Alegate, by Henry de Canterbury, clerk, for the purpose of founding a chantry. Witness the King at York, 26 Jan., 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1327-8].

Fo. clxxxiii.

Writ of Privy Seal to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, bidding them once again to deliver to Roger de Waltham, Keeper of the Wardrobe of the late King, certain chests containing books of accounts relating to his late office, as well as

vestments and other goods, which chests had belonged to Master Robert de Baldoke,¹ and were found in the Treasury of St. Paul's on the arrival of the King and the Queen-mother, and removed to the Guildhall. Dated at "Pontfreint," 20 Nov., 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327].

Pursuant to the above writ the chests, which were under the seal of the said Roger, were delivered to him, together with other goods and chattels.²

Wednesday before the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], it was agreed by Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, Henry de Secheford, Richard de Hakeneye, and Thomas de Leyre, Aldermen, in the presence of Richard de Betoine, that a coverlet furred with minever (*minuto var' furratum*), which in the time of the late disturbance was in the house of Isabella de Rokeslee, and had been delivered to Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, for the use of the Commonalty, should be sold. Thereupon the said Richard de Betoine asked to have it at its true value in part payment of his expenses whilst attending the last Parliament at York on the City's behalf. And it was delivered to him at the price of 8 marks.³

*Coopertorium
vendit Ric'o
de Betoine.*

Be it remembered that on Thursday before the Feast of St. Edward [20 June?], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327], a certain small house without Alegate, held by Philip le Tournour and his wife, was granted by Hamo de Chiggewelle, *locum tenens* of Richard de Betoigne, the Mayor, John de Caustone and John de Oxon', Aldermen, to John Waryn and Alice his wife, to hold the same on the same terms as the former tenants.

*Dimissio
domus extra
Alegate.*

¹ He had been Prebendary of Finsbury in St. Paul's, which prebend he made over to the City in 1315. (Appendix to Ninth Report Hist. MSS. Com., p. 8.) He afterwards became Archdeacon of Middlesex and a staunch adherent to Edward II., who made him Chancellor. On the fall of the King he was brought to trial, but was claimed as a clerk by the

Bishop of Hereford. Most of his treasure laid up in St. Paul's had been plundered by a London mob towards the close of 1326. He died a prisoner in Newgate in May of the following year. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' vol. i. pp. 320, 321, 334.

² The writ, &c., set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 168, 169.

³ 'Memorials,' p. 169.

Fo. clxxxiii b. Charter granted to the Pellipers or Skinners of London. Dated at Westminster, 1 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326-7].¹

Fo. clxxxiv. Writ to the Sheriffs to summon twenty-four lawful knights of the venue of London to appear before the King in the octave of St. Michael, who shall be ready to declare on oath whether the jurors on an inquisition touching a trespass alleged to have been committed on Richard le Chaucer and Mary his wife by Geoffrey Stace, Agnes, late wife of Walter de Westhale, Thomas Stace, and Laurence "Geffreyesman" Stace, committed perjury or not, inasmuch as the said Geoffrey had found sureties for prosecuting his claim, viz., William, son of Ralph Vyne, and Walter, son of John Swan, of co. Bucks. They are further to search for and produce the aforesaid jurors and summon the aforesaid Richard and Mary. Dated at the castle of "Dodeleye,"² 8 July, 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328].³

Fo. clxxxiv b. Quitclaim by Nicholas "Deubenei," called "chesemongere," of a debt due by Robert de Keleseye. Dated Tuesday after the octave of Easter [3 April], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328]. Witnesses, William de Elsyngge, John le Tableter, Richard le Lacier, Ralph Brachyngge, John Potyn, John le Chaundeler, and others [not named].

*Quietanc'
Rob'ti de Kele-
seye per Nich-
Deubeney.*

*Nichil dat
quia condonat'
per H. de
Chigewelle
Maioi'.*

Acknowledged before Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, and Andrew Horn, the Chamberlain, Wednesday after *Clausum Pasche*, 2 Edward III.

*Quietanc'
Nich'i Dieu-
beney per Rob'
de Keleseye.*

A general release from the above Robert de Keleseie to the above Nicholas "Dieubeneye." Dated Tuesday, 12 April, 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328]. Witnesses, Roger de Depham, clerk, William de Elsyngge, John de Orletone, John de Witele, draper, John de Kelyngworth, John de Keselyngberi, Stephen de Berkyng, John Amiz, clerk, and others [not named].

*Quietanc'
Rob'ti de Bran-
done per Rob'
de Keleseye.*

A general release from the same to Robert de Brandone, mercer. Date and witnesses *ut supra*.

¹ Set out in 'Memorials,' p. 153. The editor, however, appears to have misread 'buietto' or 'bujetto,' i.e., budge, as "bivetto," which he translates "beaveret."

² Dudley, co. Staff.

³ For subsequent proceedings *vide supra*, pp. 218-19.

Power of attorney from Nicholas Bursy de Lungeneie, burgess of Gloucester, to Richard de Astone or Adam de Hope, to put Roger Heved, burgess of Gloucester, in seisin of certain tenements in Gloucester formerly belonging to William Payn, and situate in "Aylesgatestret"¹ near the tenements of Robert de Goldhull and William le Heyberare, chaplain. Witnesses, John Kyng and William de Lyndeseie, bailiffs of the liberty of the vill of Gloucester, Robert de Goldhull, Robert Pope, Andrew de Penedok, John de Cheddeworth, John de Boyfeld, William Crisp, Adam ate Hull, and others [not named]. Dated at Gloucester, Monday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328].

Fo. clxxxv.

Acknowledged before Hamo de Chigewelle, the Mayor, and the Chamberlain the following day.

Monday after the Feast of Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], the guardianship of John de Nasyng, aged eight years, committed by the Mayor and Aldermen to William de Nasinge, girdler, by mainprise of John Potyn.

Custodia.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to represent the City at a Parliament to be held at Northampton three weeks after Easter,² many matters having been left undetermined at the recent Parliament held at York, owing to the absence of certain prelates and great ones of the realm. The Sheriffs are to make proclamation against any one coming to the Parliament attended by an armed force, as had lately been the custom. Witness the King at York, 5 March, 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1327-8].

Fo. clxxxv b.

Breve R^o pro Parlamento Norht^e.

Indenture between John le Botoner, clerk, son of John le Botoner, late mercer, and Richard le Lacer, mercer, touching a lease of a tenement situate near the tenements of Richard de Stondone and John de Preston, girdler, in the parish of St. Laurence, Jewry, made by the former to the latter, and a bond given as security for quiet possession. Dated Monday after Easter [16 April], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

Fo. clxxxvi.

Scriptum int^r Ric^m le Lacer et Joh^em le Botoner.

ijs. vjd.

¹ Or Eyles Gate (the East Gate) Street. See Fosbrooke's 'Hist. of the City of Gloucester' (1819), p. 69.

² It sat from 24 April to 14 May. The writ is also recorded in 'Pleas and Memoranda Rolls,' A 1, membr. xx (23) dors.

Fo. clxxxvii. Saturday before the Feast of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1327-8], the guardianship of Thomas, son of Gregory de Fulham, aged two years at Pentecost next, committed to Matilda, late wife of the said Gregory, by Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone and Richard de Hakeney, Aldermen, together with a house tenanted by Gunnolda Bright and two shops in the parish of St. Margaret [Bridge Street]. Sureties, viz., Robert de Ely, Henry Wymond, and John de Wrotham.

*Custodia
Thome fil'
Greg^s de Ful-
ham.* The same day the guardianship of Nicholaa, daughter of Gregory de Fulham, and certain shops in the parish of St. Magnus committed to the same.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday before the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], in the Husting for Common Pleas, came William de Stanenord, John le Litle, and Geoffrey Horn, before Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, John de Prestone, John de Grantham, Richard le Lacer, John de Caustone, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, and undertook to acquit Henry Wymond and John de Wrotham and their tenants, as also Walter Turk, a tenant of tenements lately belonging to Robert de Ely, of all responsibility.

Fo. clxxxvii. Be it remembered that William Love, "fourbour," bequeathed the sum of 10s. annual quitrent charged on tenements formerly belonging to Alan atte Watergate and Matilda his wife, in Ismongerelane, in the parish of St. Martin Pomer, to the work of the Conduit of London; the will of the said William being enrolled in the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday after the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1327-8].¹

*Allocacio facta
civibus nove
Sarum de mu-
rag^s et pavag^s.* Monday the Feast of St. James [25 July], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], came Henry Russel, Stephen de Coumbe, and Richard le Sealer, of New Sarum, before the Mayor and Aldermen in the Guildhall, and complained that citizens of that city had been unlawfully distrained for murage and pavage contrary to the charter of King Edward III., which they produced. Thereupon it was agreed that citizens and merchants of Sarum

¹ See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 330.

should thenceforth be quit in the City of London of murage and pavage.

Monday before the Feast of the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], [anno 2 Edward III.], the guardianship of John, son of Robert Fitz Walter, committed to Johanna, late wife of the said Robert, by Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen. Sureties, viz., John de Witele and Thomas de Maryns.

Fo. clxxxvii b.

*Custodia Joh'is
fil' Rob'ti fil'
Walt'i.*

Monday before the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], the guardianship of Robert, son of William Huberd, aged ten years, and his property committed to John Spray by the same. Sureties, viz., William de Shordich and John de London, currier.

*Custodia Rob'ti
fil' Will'm
Huberd.*

Letters patent confirming a grant made at the King's request by Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke, to Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, of the manor of the New Temple, London, and all lands and tenements formerly belonging to the Templars in the suburb of London and county of Middlesex,¹ the same being of the fee of the said Earl of Lancaster as of the honour of Leycestre. Witness the King at York, 1 Oct., 8 Edward II. [A.D. 1314].

Fo. clxxxviii.

*Carta Com'
Lanc'.*

The above deed was here entered by precept of Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, at the request of Sir Henry, Earl of Lancaster,² conveyed by Sir William Trussel, Knt., Monday after the octave of St. Michael, 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328].

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to represent the City at a Parliament to be held at New Sarum on

*Breve R' pro
Parlamento
apud Novum
Sar'.*

¹ The Order of the Templars was suppressed in 1312, and much of their property divided among the King's friends ('Chron. Edward I. and II.', vol. i. p. 271; ii. 299). The New Temple was bestowed anno 6 Edward II. upon Aymer de Valence, Earl of Pembroke, who released it (*inter alia*) to the Earl of Lancaster, anno 8 Edward III., receiving in exchange certain lands in Monmouth

(Dugdale, 'Baronage,' i. 777). Upon the Earl's attaind and forfeiture in 1322 the property reverted to the Crown, and the King made a second grant of it to the Earl of Pembroke, to hold in tail (Rymer's 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. i. p. 480), and this Earl dying the following year without issue, it again reverted to the Crown.

² Brother of the above Thomas, Earl of Lancaster.

Saturday after the quinzaine of St. Michael next; inasmuch as many and important matters had arisen since the Parliament at Northampton, which could not be determined at the Parliament at York,¹ owing to the absence of certain prelates and great ones. Witness the King at Clipstone, 28 Aug., 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328].

Fo. clxxxviii b.

*Breve Rⁱ mis-
sum ballivis de
Sc'o Botk'o pro
civibus Lon-
don'.*

Writ to the Bailiffs of John of Brittany, Earl of Richmond, at St. Botolph's,² that they molest not the citizens of London contrary to the King's charter,³ which allowed them to have their own Wardens at all fairs in England, to determine all pleas arising at such fairs, except pleas of land and of the Crown. [No date.]

Thursday in the octave of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], came Hugh de Mockynge, John Freshfisse, Richard Pifre, and Cristina, late wife of John Swote, executors of the said John Swote, before Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone and Henry de Sechford, Aldermen, and delivered up the sum of £20 which Richard Swote left by will to Richard and Robert, sons of Johanna his daughter,⁴ and thereof they are quit.

*Custodia filior'
Johanne fil'
Ric'i Swote.*

The same day the guardianship of the above Richard, aged five and a half years, and of the above Robert, aged four years,

¹ According to the late Bishop Stubbs ('Const. Hist.,' ii. 371, note) there were no less than four Parliaments held in 1328, viz.: (1) at York, 7 Feb. to 5 March; (2) at Northampton, 24 April to 14 May, the writ for which is recorded *supra*, p. 227; (3) at York, 31 July to 6 Aug.; and (4) this one, summoned to meet at Salisbury, which sat from the 16th to the 31st Oct., being afterwards adjourned to Westminster. (See 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' Introd., vol. i. p. cxvii.) The above writ is also recorded in 'Pleas and Memoranda Rolls,' A 1, membr. xxiii (27), where it is also recorded that letters from the Mayor of London to the

Bishop of York, the Primate, and others, praying them to use their influence to get this Parliament removed to Westminster from Salisbury, were prepared, although subsequently cancelled. The letters bear date 26 Sept.

² St. Botolph's town, or Boston, co. Linc.

³ Charter dated the 6th March, 1 Edward III.

⁴ The will of Richard Swote was enrolled in the Husting in Jan., 1327. The name of Richard, his grandson, has been inadvertently omitted in the abstract of the will printed in 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust.,' i. 317. No mention of this legacy of £20 appears in the enrolment.

together with the aforesaid sum of £20 and other property was committed by Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, and the Aldermen to John Greyland. Sureties, viz., Thomas Pykeman and Nicholas Pyke.

The same day, the guardianship of Amy, daughter of Johanna, daughter of Richard Swote, aged three years, was committed to John Greyland. Sureties *ut supra*.

*Custodia Amie
fil' predictæ
Johanne.*

At the Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday after the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], Henry de Secheford, Alderman of the Ward of Aldresgate, admitted Chamberlain of the Guildhall by Hamo de Chiggewelle, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Richard de Betoyne, Gregory de Nortone, Anketin de Gysors, Reginald de Conduit, John de Caustone, Thomas de Leyre, Simon de Swanlond, John Priour, John de Polteneye, John de Cotoun, Richard de Hakeneye, and Henry de Combemartyn, Aldermen, and a great Commonalty, and sworn to well and faithfully execute the office.

Fo. clxxxix.

*Admissio
Henr' de Sech-
ford in
Camerar'.*

Monday after the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], Geoffrey Graspays made bailiff of the vill of Suthwerk by the Mayor and Aldermen, to hold the same for one year from Christmas next for 20 marks to be paid into the Chamber; and he was sworn to well and faithfully do all and singular the things appertaining to the said bailiwick, and do nothing contrary to the franchise of the City, and not return any writ affecting the franchise of the City without the Mayor and Aldermen having seen and assented to it. Sureties, viz., William de Gertone, Henry Graspays, Walter Mounde, and Walter de Mordone.

*Dimissio bal-
live de Suth-
werk.*

Assessment made by the Mayor and Aldermen in December, A.D. 1328, for discharging the cost of a gift made to the King and Queen.

Fo. clxxxix b.

[Here follow particulars of fish, fowl, and flesh, wax, &c., purchased, with the names of the vendors and price paid.¹]

Nicholas Dereman bought the beeves and pigs; Walter de Mordone bought the poultry; John de Grantham, the Mayor, John de Prestone, John de Polteneye, Adam de Sarum, Simon

¹ Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 170, 171.

Fraunceys, and Henry Darcy bought the wax; Robert de Ely, Richard Gubbe, and Roger de Biernes bought the sturgeon; and Hugh Madefrey provided the pike and eels.

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Names of those elected and sworn in divers Misteries of London, for the government and instruction of the same, viz:—

Fishmongers:—William Haunsard, Henry Sterre, John de Mockyngge, John Saleman, Robert Swote, Richard de Lamhutte, John Youn, Hugh de Mockyngge, Adam Pykeman, John de Croydone, John Turk, Henry Graspays, Robert de Ely, Walter Turk, William Prodomme, John de Denham, Roger de Ely, Simon de Turham, Geoffrey Scot, Hugh Madefrey, Thomas de Chigwelle.

Goldsmiths:—Robert Bret, John de Castelacre, Henry atte More, Richard Denys, Thomas de Berkyng, Robert de Shordyche, Walter le Mazerer, Thomas de Hynxtone.

Drapers:—Simon de Swanlond, Thomas de Blakeneye, Geoffrey le Boteler, John de Wrytele, Richard de Berkyngge, Richard de Welleford.

Grocers:—Thomas de Enefeld, Thomas de Horewold.

Apothecaries:—John de Essex, Thomas de Waldene, Thomas de Maryns, William Gras, William de Hodesdone, David de Tillebery, John atte Pole.

Ironmongers:—Peter de Wymundham, Adam de St. Alban, William Bronne, Roger de Caumpes.

Saddlers:—Ralph de Blithe, William Pykerel, Thomas Hardy, Maurice de Herlawe, Robert de Bristoll, Alan de Frithebek, John de Chaumpayne, John de Forest, Richard Bokeskyn, Richard de Arderne, John de Houtone, Robert le Purtreour, James de Furns, William de Blithe, John de Hereford.

Mercers:—William de Caustone, Simon Fraunceys, William de Elsyngge, John de Aylesham, junior, John de Orletone, John Knopwed, John de Aylesham, senior, John de Dallyngge, Thomas de Cauntebrege.

Girdlers:—Ralph de Braghynge, John Potyn, William de Donmowe, John de Prestone.

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Vintners:—Reginald de Conduit, John de Oxenford, Richard de Rothynge, Michael Mynot, Edmund Cosyn, William le

Gaugeour, Stephen de Bercote, Henry de Gisors, Bartholomew de Honylane, Henry le Palmere, Reginald de Thorpe, Robert de Lynne, Thomas Cros.

Woolmongers :—Richard de Hakeneye, John Priour, junior, Henry de Combemartyn, Thomas Prentiz, John Cosyn, Robert de Hakeneye, Henry Wymond, John de Assheford, William de Braye.

Beaders :—John Husebonde, Alan Gille, Walter Neel, John de Wrotham, Richard de Reynham, Hamo le Barber, John atte Loke, John Spray, John de Warefeld.

"Cordewaners" :—John de Crikelee, Ralph de Notyngnam, Adam de Carlele, William de Waltham, Robert de Stratford, Robert de Bristolle, William de Grubbelane, Robert de Northampton.

"Haberdassheres" :—Andrew de Seccheford, Geoffrey de Caustone, Roger Madour.

Butchers :—Thomas de Bery, Adam de Canefeld, William Knight, Richard Casse, Boydin Fader, William Roberd, John Blod, John Huberd, John Edward, Nicholas Derman, William atte Noke, Estmar le Lunge, John Mamfel, William Gille, Alexander Cobbe, Thomas de Caxtone, Nicholas Crane, Richard Kyngge, John Gerveys, John Goioun, William le Clerk, Simon atte Gate, John de Canefeld, William atte Hyde.

Skinners :—Robert de Dodeford, Peter de Newcastle, Elyas de Thorpe, Nicholas Seman, John Trappe, Adam de Bury, John de Aynesham, Roger de Netlestede, William de Cave, Richard de Carleton, Thomas de Farnham, Eustace de la Bataille.

Cutlers :—Ralph de Flete, William atte Gate, John de Pelham, Geoffrey de Gedelestene, Bartholomew le Coteler, Robert de Ponte, John atte Nasshe.

Cappers :—John de Amundesham, Richard de Berkhamptede, William Reyner, John Baldewyne.

Coffers :—Salomon le Coffrer, Richard de Farneberwe.

Corders :—Bartholomew Deumars, John de Neubery, senior, John de Neubery, junior, John de la Rokele, Roger de Waltham.

Hosiers :—William le Taverner, John de Godestone, John de Kyselingbery, John de Kelyngworth, Robert de Lincoln, Henry de Welton.

Tailors and Linen-Armourers :—Roger Sauvage, Walter Mer-
yot, John Beseville, Edmund de Wyke, Robert de Wyght, John
Tavy, Elyas de Wodebere, William Deveneyns, Peter le Dor-
turer, William Furnyval, Henry de Horepol, Thomas de Corn-
wall, John de Romeseye, John Mountagu, Thomas de Kent,
Walter de Barkeworth, John Pecchee, John de Boseworth,
Richard Lovekyn, Geoffrey de Wynterton.

Fusters :—Robert de Donmowe, Richard le Whyte, Richard
de Enefeld, William de Enefeld, Peter de Stoppeslee, John
Brokesheved.

Painters :—Robert Davy, Henry de Denecoumbe, William de
Porkele, Richard de Stokwell.

Cheesemongers :—William de Haukedene, Walter de Blecch-
yngeleye, John Bisshope, John de Nasyngge, John Wolvyne,
Thomas de Macchingge, John de Nortone, Laurence Deubeneye,
John Bole.

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Fo. cxcii.

Saturday after the Feast of the Purification [2 Feb.], 3 Ed-
ward III. [A.D. 1328-9], there being assembled at the Guildhall
John Grantham, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Richard de
Betoynes, Gregory de Nortone, Reginald de Conduit, Benedict
de Folsham, Thomas de Leyre, John de Cotoun, Richard de
Hakeneye, John Priour, Richard Costantyn, Aldermen, and the
Chamberlain, Robert le Bret, goldsmith, pledged to the Com-
monalty ten casks of wine for the Mayor's favour, for that the
said Robert had secretly withdrawn himself from the society of
his fellows who had been sent as messengers for the City to the
lord the King at Wyndesore, and it was agreed that he should
pay to the Chamberlain one cask for the use of the Commonalty
in respect of his trespass aforesaid.

*j dol' vini de
fine.*

*Pena super
concord'.*

At the same time a quarrel between the said Robert le Bret
and John de Castelaire was made up, on the understanding that
whichever of the two should be proved an offender against the
other at any future time should pay two casks of wine into the
Chamber for the good of the Commonalty.¹

Pena £x.

Saturday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 3 Ed-

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 171.

ward III. [A.D. 1329], came Roger de Abyndone, "peleter," before John de Grantham, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone and Henry de Combemartyn, Aldermen, and Henry de Secheford, the Chamberlain, and acknowledged himself bound to the Commonalty of the City in the sum of £10 in case he should be convicted of a trespass against John de Aynesham or other of his neighbours.

Tuesday the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329], the guardianship of William, son of Robert de Northampton, aged fourteen years, committed to Walter de Walpol by John de Grantham, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Gregory de Nortone, Thomas de Leyre, and Reginald de Conduit, Aldermen. Sureties, viz., John Hardel and Henry Langar.

*Custodia
Will'i fil'
Rob'ti de
Norh'.*

The same day the guardianship of John, son of John de Halstede, aged ten years, committed to Robert le Mar[eschal], goldsmith, by the aforesaid Mayor and Aldermen. Sureties, viz., Robert le Hende and Reginald le Clerk.

*Custodia Joh'
fil' Joh' de
Halstede.*

Deed of assignment by Roger de Redbourne and Alice his wife to Richard Baldewyne and Agnes his wife, sister of the said Alice, and to Katherine, another sister of the same, of their share of a certain quitrent paid by Robert de Arderne, taverner, and Johanna his wife, in respect of a tavern situate in a corner of a tenement formerly belonging to Thomas le Palmere, father of the said Agnes, Alice, and Katherine, in the parish of St. Peter de Cornhulle, and now let to the said Robert and Johanna for a term of seven years from Midsummer next. Dated Tuesday after the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

Fo. excii b.

*Scripta Hug'
de Waltham et
Jul' ux'is ejus.*

Lease by Roger de Redebourne, armourer, and Alice his wife, Richard Baldewyn and Agnes his wife, and Katherine, sister to the said Alice and Agnes, daughters of Thomas le Palmere, to Hugh de Waltham and Juliana his wife, of certain shops in the parish of St. Peter de Cornhulle, situate near a tenement sometime the property of Nicholas Pycot; to hold for a term of seven years from Midsummer next, quit of any rent. Dated Monday after the Feast of Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

*Nichil quia
communis
clericus.*

Fo. cxcii.

*Pro Hugon' de
Waltham co'i
cl'ico pro de-
nar' recipiend'
de firma parve
balance.*

Be it remembered that on Friday before the Feast of St. Alphege, Bp. [19 April], viz., 14 April, A.D. 1329, it was agreed and granted by John de Grantham, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Anketin de Gisors, Gregory de Nortone, Richard de Hakeneye, Adam de Salesbery, John de Caustone, John Poyntel, John Priour, senior, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, and others, commoners of the City then present in the Chamber of the Guildhall, that Hugh de Waltham, the Common Clerk of the said City, and his assigns should receive from Nicholas de Grenewych, or any other person soever holding the small balance for silk¹ to ferm, the yearly sum of 50s., more or less according to the terms on which the balance is let to ferm; to enjoy the same until the said Hugh or his assigns shall have received the sum of £13 10s. 2d. due to him by the Commonalty for arrears of his fee, as appears by two schedules touching the account of Andrew Horn, the late Chamberlain (one being sealed with the seal of the Chamber of London), which schedules the said Hugh had possession of, and which are delivered to Henry de Seccheford, the present Chamberlain.

*De parva bal-
lanc' pro H.
de Waltham
clerico.*

Precept to Nicholas de Grenewych, the keeper of the small balance, by the Mayor and Commonalty of the City, that he cause to be paid to Hugh de Waltham, Common Clerk of the City, the money due for the ferm of the said balance from Michaelmas last, and so from term to term and year to year until the said Hugh shall receive the amount of arrears of his fee. Dated at the Guildhall, 19 April, A.D. 1329.

*Scriptum Hug'
de Waltham.*

Lease granted by Richard Baldewyne and Agnes his wife (now possessors of certain shops formerly let by them and Roger de Redbourne, armourer, Alice his wife, and Katherine her sister, to Hugh de Waltham and Juliana his wife, for a term of seven years) to the said Hugh and Juliana of the same shops, situate in the parish of St. Peter de Cornhulle, for a further term of four years after the expiration of the former lease. Dated 31 March, A.D. 1333.

Fo. cxciii b.

Monday after the Feast of St. Ambrose [4 April], 3 Ed-

¹ As to the Small Beam or Balance | Letter-Book D,' Introd., pp. xvii,
for weighing silk, spices, &c., see 'Cal. | xviii.

ward III. [A.D. 1329], Thomas de Leyre and Edmund Cosyn elected by John de Grantham, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, John de Polteneye, Henry de Combemartyn, John de Caustone, Anketin de Gisors, and John de Cotoun, Aldermen, and a great Commonalty to receive the money arising out of murage from the Wardens of the same (*de custodibus ejusdem*), and to spend it as they think best on the repair of the City walls, &c. *De custod' murag' electis.*

Another writ to the Sheriffs to summon a jury of twenty-four knights of the venue of London to inquire whether perjury had been committed or not in an inquisition held touching an alleged trespass against Richard le Chaucer and Mary his wife by Geoffrey Stace, Agnes, wife of Walter de Westhale, Thomas Stace, and Laurence "Geffreyesman" Stace. Witness, G[eoffrey] le Scrop at Westminster, 12 Oct., 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328].¹ *Pro attincta.*

Return made to the effect that, according to the liberties and ancient customs of the City, no attain can be taken on citizens touching any matter arising in the City, therefore execution of the above writ could not be done without prejudice of the liberties and customs aforesaid. *R'.*

Wednesday before Easter, viz., on the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329], came Estmar Coker and John Wychard, citizens of London, together with Ralph Bourghard, Serjeant of the Chamber of the Guildhall, and brought before the Mayor and Aldermen at the Guildhall John Jacob de Erhuth, Edmund Dode de Reynham, Thomas Wychard de Erhuth, William Nute de Stokflete, Robert Scot de Erhuth, John Noreys de Erhuth, Alan le Spenser de Reynham, and Alexander de Dagenham, fishermen; for that they had been found fishing in the water of the Thames with twelve nets called "tromekeyresnet,"² a species of kydel,³ the interstices (*foramina*) of which, called "mastles,"⁴ ought to be an inch and a half in

Fo. cxciv.

De kidell'.

¹ Cf. *supra*, pp. 218, 226.

² Possibly the same as nets known as "treinekes" or "trinks," used by a class of fishermen known as Trinkermen. See 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 187 n. Cf. ordinances for occupiers of the "Trynkes" and "Drayshott

nettes," *temp.* Henry VIII. Jor. 14, fo. III.

³ This term appears to apply equally to a net and to a weir adapted for nets for taking fish. See 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. 185 n.

⁴ "Masclcs" (Riley).

size, whereas they were scarcely half an inch, wherewith the said fishermen caught every fish, and even small fish called "fry" could not escape. The said fishermen, being unable to deny the charge, were committed to prison until they should have made fine, and the nets were ordered to be burnt in Chepe, &c.¹

*Indentura int'
Joh'm de
Grantham et
Edward' le
Blound.*

Indenture of defeasance of a bond entered into by Edward, son of Sir John le Blound, in favour of John de Grantham, pepperer, in the sum of £200, on condition that the tenements which the said John de Grantham acquired from the said Edward in the parish of St. Antonin be discharged of all dues to the King. Dated Wednesday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

The above indenture was entered here in the Chamber at the request of the said John and Edward before Gregory de Nortone, Alderman, and Henry de Seccheford, the Chamberlain, on Monday after the Feast of St. Dunstan, anno 3 Edward III.

Fo. cxciv b.

A proclamation ordained by the Mayor and Aldermen on Saturday the morrow of St. Dunstan [19 May], anno 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329], and proclaimed in the City on the Sunday following, for that the lord the King was about to cross the sea to the parts of France on the following Friday to do his homage, and to the end that the King's peace should be strictly observed whilst there.²

Fo. cxcv.

*Custodia Joh'is
fil' Joh'is le
Yonge.*

Friday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329], came Matilda, widow and executrix of John le Yonge, and Thomas de Kent, buriller (*burlar*'), to whom the guardianship of John, son of the said John le Yonge, had been left by will, before Gregory de Nortone, Thomas de Leyre, and Richard de Hakeneye, Aldermen, and Henry de Secheford, the Chamberlain, and agreed that the guardianship of the said John, aged seventeen years, should be committed to Cristina, widow of Robert de Lambourne. Sureties, viz., Walter de Mordone, William de Burgh, clerk, William Lenfaunt, "felmongere," and Simon de Thorp, "pelleter."

ijs. vjā.

Set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 171, 172.

² The terms of the proclamation which follow are set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 172-4.

Appointment under the Common Seal by John de Grantham, the Mayor, and the commune (*communa*) of the City, of John de Polteneye, William de Elsing, Ralph de Uptone, Richard de Welleford, Thomas Harwold, Thomas de Grauntebrigge, and John de Dallinge, to be their Wardens and Attorneys at Winchester Fair. Dated 18 Aug., 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

*Commissio
custod' Nundi-
nar' Wynton'.*

Saturday after the Feast of St. Faith [6 Oct.], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329], the guardianship of John, son of Richard de Gloucestre, clerk, aged twelve and a quarter years, and of Nicholas, another son of the same, aged ten years, committed to Katherine de St. Alban, their mother, by John de Grantham, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Richard de Betoynes, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen. Sureties, viz., Master Simon le Armourer and Elias de Bampton, "pelleteer."

Fo. cxcv b.

*Custodia filior'
quond' Ric' i de
Glouc' clerici.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs of London that they cease to distrain on the Prior and Brethren of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem for murage, &c., but that the said Prior and Brethren be quit of such exactions as the Templars had been, to whose property they had succeeded. Dated at Worcester, 2 Oct., 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

*Breve R' quod
Prior S'ci
Joh'is Jerl'm
in Angl' et
homines sui
sint quieti de
clausur' et de
muragio, etc.*

Writ to the Sheriffs. Whereas they had lately been ordered to cause Agnes, late wife of Walter de Westhale, to be demanded from Husting to Husting until, according to the law and custom of the City, she should be waived (*wayviaretur*¹) if she did not appear, and if she did appear to take and safe-keep her in prison and produce her before the King in the octave of St. John the Baptist, for her to give satisfaction for a certain trespass by force and arms committed on Richard le Chaucer and Mary his wife, of which she has been convicted by a jury; and whereas they had made return that the said Agnes had been demanded from Husting to Husting up to the Husting held on Monday before the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 3 Ed-

Fo. cxevi.

*Breve R' de
wayvaria.*

¹ That is to say, that she should suffer the equivalent to outlawry in the case of a man. Women not being "sworn to the law" cannot, strictly speaking, be *utlegate*, i.e., *extra*

legem positæ; they can only be left out or not regarded, *waiviata*, i.e., *derelictæ*. 'Co. Litt.' lib. ii. cap. xi. sec. 186.

ward III. [A.D. 1329], and that she had been demanded for the fifth time¹ and had not appeared, and had in consequence been waived in judgment; and whereas the said Agnes had appeared before the King at the octave of St. John the Baptist, and being asked about the waivery aforesaid, if she had or knew aught why the said waivery should not be proceeded with against her, had said that on the Monday when the waivery ought to have been pronounced against her she had surrendered herself to the Marshalsea prison, where she was kept in custody; and whereas they [the said Sheriffs] had made a return that on the aforesaid Monday before the Feast of St. Barnabas she had been waived, although the custom of the City is to pronounce judgment of outlawry or waivery against a man or woman on the Tuesday following, so that the aforesaid waivery ought not to injure her, as she says. —The King, being desirous to be more fully informed before proceeding further to execute the judgment on the waivery against her, commands them, as before, to more fully inform him, under their seals, fifteen days from Michaelmas, wheresoever [he may be], &c., in order that justice may be done in the matter, the Sheriffs having made return on Thursday the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] that the King's precept had arrived too late for execution. Witness, R[ichard] de Wylugby at Westminster, 20 July, 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

Fo. cxvii b.

*Libertas allo-
cata mercatori-
bus ville de
Malynes.*

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs not to molest burgesses of Malynes in Brabant nor exact pontage, pavage, murage, &c., from them. Witness the King at Wyndesore, 28 July, 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

¹ Writs of *exigent* were "demandable" in the Husting of London as in a county court; and at the fifth court outlawries and waiveries were awarded in the presence of the Mayor and Aldermen by the mouth of the Recorder. Bracton (Rolls Series), ii. 343; 'Liber Albus,' i. 190. (But cf. 'Liber Albus,' i. 86.) This ancient procedure survives at the present day in the proclamation made by the Common Crier

at the opening of the Court of Husting whenever that Court sits. Thus: "*Oyez, oyez, oyez*, all manner of persons who have been five times called by virtue of any *exigent* directed to the Sheriffs of London and have not surrendered their bodies to the said Sheriffs, this Court doth adjudge the men to be outlawed and the women to be waived." See 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust.,' *Introd.*, vol. i. pp. xv, xxi.

The above writ being read and enrolled in the Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday before the Feast of SS. Simon and Jude [28 Oct.], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329], before John de Grantham, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Gregory de Nortone, Benedict de Folsham, John de Caustone, Thomas de Leyre, John Priour, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and a great Commonalty, it was agreed that the merchants and burgesses of Malynes should thenceforth be quit of pontage, pavage, murage, &c.

Fo. cxcvii.

*Alloc' facta
mercator' ville
de Malyns de
munagio, etc.*

Monday the morrow of H. Trinity [18 June], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329], a bill of complaints delivered to John de Grantham, the Mayor, against Hugh de Hecham, "lymbrennere," for unlawfully enhancing the price of lime and threatening the lime-workers of "Grenehuthe."¹

The said Hugh, being summoned to appear, made default and was attached by his goods and body, and having confessed his guilt was committed to prison.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday the eve of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], there being assembled at the Guildhall Nicholas de Farndone, *locum tenens* of the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, John de Prestone, John de Caustone, Richard de "Hekene," John Priour, Simon de Swanlond, Henry de Secheford, and John de Cotoun, Aldermen, Simon Fraunceys, the Sheriff, and a great Commonalty, the price of lime was fixed by common consent, and the said Hugh was mainprised by Richard de Wyrhale, John Hardel, William le Trompour, John de Borham, "purser," John le Bokeler, Geoffrey de Venys, John le Brewere de Estsmethefeud, William de Herlawe, John de Assherugge, tanner, John Prichet, tanner, Thomas de Peterborough (*de Burgo Sancti Petri*), "taillour," Simon Seman, tanner, Nicholas de Reygate, and William de Sabrichesworth, "bruer."

Fo. cxcvii b.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday before the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], complaint was made by William Haunsard and Walter le Mulleward and others [not named] that the said Hugh did not observe the prices recently fixed for lime. Thereupon he was summoned. On appearing

¹ Greenhithe.

he denied the charge and demanded a jury. The jurors, viz., Henry de Prestone, Elias de Thorp, John de Tiffeld, Ralph de Berquei, Thomas Poyntel, Richard Denys, Robert de Lenne, Thomas le Barber de Bredstrete, Richard de Prestone, William Box, Henry Wymond, and Roger de Lenne, find him guilty, and he is deprived of his freedom and committed to prison.¹

Fo. cxcviii.

*Scriptum Alex'
de Thomastone
per Will'm le
Botiller, etc.*

ijs. vjd.

Lease by William le Botiller, vintner, and Agnes his wife, daughter of Henry Box, to Alexander de Thomastone, cordwainer, of an annual quitrent of 20s. issuing from their tenement in the parish of St. Dunstan, near "la Tourstrete," situate near the tenements of Godwyn Turk and Alexander Pyke; to hold the same for a term of ten years from Michaelmas last. Dated Monday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

The above deed acknowledged before Nicholas de Farndone, Alderman, and Henry de Secheford, Alderman and Chamberlain, the same day.

*Custodia
pueror' Walt'
"Overee."*

Friday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329-30], the guardianship of John, son of Walter "Overhee," aged fifteen years, and of Roesia his sister, aged eleven years, committed to Richard de Gloucestre, saddler, by Nicholas de Farndone and Thomas de Leyre, Aldermen, and Henry de Secheford, Alderman and Chamberlain. Sureties, viz., Hugh, son of Roger the goldsmith, John Somer, mercer, and John, late servant of John le Callere.

Fo. cxcviii b.

*Incrementum
feodi Gregor'
de Nortone
recordator'.*

Saturday after the Feast of the Conception B. M. [8 Dec.], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329], there being assembled in the Chamber of the Guildhall Simon de Swanlond, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, John de Grantham, Richard de Bettune, Reginald de Conduit, Richard de Hakeneye, John de Caustone, John de Prestone, Thomas de Leyre, John de Oxon', John de Cotoun, John Priour, John Poyntel, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and a great Commonalty, it was agreed that Gregory de Nortone, the Recorder of the City, should thenceforth receive 100s.

¹ The proceedings are set out in | personal names are omitted which are
'Memorials' (pp. 174-76), but many | here supplied.

yearly by way of increase of his fee, and a gown of the same suit as that of the Aldermen (*de secta Aldermannorum*).¹

Wednesday after the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1329-30], Richard de la Pole, the King's butler, elected Alderman of the Ward of Bisshopesgate, and sworn, &c., for that John Poyntel came before the Mayor and Aldermen on the preceding Monday and surrendered the said Aldermanry, and asked to be discharged from the custody of the Ward on account of his old age.

*Eleccio Ric'i
de la Pole in
Aldermann'.*

A general release granted by John de Beltone to Richard, son of Geoffrey Thomelyn de Westmulne,² co. Herts. Witnesses, Simon de Swanlond, the Mayor, John de Oxenford, William de Toppesfeld, John de la Marche, John Trolle, and others [not named]. Dated in London at the house of James "despayne," in the parish of St. Sepulchre without Neugate, 22 Feb., 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1329-30].

*Scriptum Ric'i
fil' Galf'r
Thomelyn per
Joh'm de
Beltone.*

Writ to the Sheriff for the election of two citizens to attend a Parliament to be held at Winchester on Sunday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March] next.³ Dated at Eltham, 25 Jan., 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1329-30].

Fo. excix.

Stephen de Abyndone and John de Caustone elected to attend the Parliament of the lord the King on the day and at the place named in the writ.

*Breve pro Par-
liam' Wynton'.*

Letter under the Common Seal from Simon de Swanlond, the Mayor, the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and the whole Commonalty of the City, notifying the King of the above election. Dated 8 March, 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1329-30].

Return' brevis.

Licence under the Mayoralty Seal granted by Simon Swanlond, the Mayor, the Aldermen and Commonalty of the City, to Isabella, late wife of Hamo Godchep, to construct a wharf between the wharf of the Abbot and Convent of St. Augustine, Canterbury, on the east, and the wharf of the churchyard of the church of St. Olave, Suthwerk, on the west, in order to keep off the water of the Thames from the houses of her late husband in the parish aforesaid. Dated 8 April, A.D. 1330.

¹ 'Memorials,' pp. 177, 178.

² Westmill.

³ Sat from the 11th to 23rd March.

Fo. excix b.

*Scriptum exco-
testi Thome de
Blakeneye.*

*Nichil precepto
Maioris.*

Acquittance by Elizabeth Drake, late wife of Thomas de Blakeneye, draper, to Stephen,¹ the rector of St. Laurence de Candelwykstret, and John de Beinio, executors of the said Thomas, for 50 marks by way of her dower. Dated Tuesday after the Feast of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

The above deed enrolled before Simon de Swanlund, the Mayor, and Henry de Secheford, the Chamberlain.

*Breve retorn'
coram Justic'
Itinerantibus
apud Norht'.*

Writ to the Sheriffs that they cause twelve Knights and others of the venue of London to appear before the Justices itinerant at Northampton in fifteen days, to decide on oath as to whether a certain deed of acquittance which Isabella de Aldewyncle had proffered to the Justices in the name of Master John Clarel was actually the deed of the said Master John, as the said Isabella declared, or not, as the said John affirmed. Witness, G[eoffrey] Lescrop at Northampton, 24 Feb., 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1329-30].

*Returnum pro
libertate.*

Return made to the effect that, according to the liberty of the City of London, all inquisitions to be taken by Justices and other of the King's ministers touching men of the said City ought to be taken at St. Martin le Grand, London, and not elsewhere, except inquisitions in Eyres at the Tower of London and for gaol delivery of Neugate,² and therefore they could do nothing in execution of the above writ without prejudice to the liberty aforesaid.

*Alina pro
eodem.*

A similar writ to be returned before the same, on the same day, between William de Lettone, executor of the will of John de Stoktone, executor of the will of William Servat, merchant "de Caturco" (of Quercy?), late citizen of London, and John de Waldegrave, cousin and heir of Richard de Waldegrave, "chevaler," touching a writing obligatory. Returned *ut supra*.

Writ to the Sheriffs on behalf of William Buntinge de Pynchebek, who had been committed to Neugate for a trespass committed against Andrew le Criour. The said William had complained that although he had paid the said Andrew the

¹ De Newcastle-under-Lyme. *Vide* *supra*, p. 70.

² Cf. *supra*, p. 202.

damages adjudged and had received an acquittance made, as he declares, at Houdene,¹ the Sheriffs had refused to acknowledge the said acquittance because made, as aforesaid, in the county of Lincoln [*sic*], and the said William still remained in prison. The Sheriffs are ordered to make a return of the proceedings and to summon the said Andrew and have the body of the said William before the King in the quinzaine of Easter. Witness the King at Winchester, 18 March, 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1329-30].

Return to the effect that the above William Buntynge de Pynchebek had exhibited no acquittance in the name of Andrew le Criour before them, nor did there exist any proceedings before them on any acquittance touching the said William as suggested, and therefore nothing could be done on the above writ.

Fo. cc.

The Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty promise to save harmless Henry de Gisors and Richard le Lacer, the Sheriffs, in respect of the above return, &c.

Writ to the Sheriffs to have the bodies of Fulk Fitz Waryn, John Pecche, Nicholas Pecche, Nicholas de Dauncy, John Caupeland, Thomas de Stauntone, Walter de Woxebrigge, Adam de Wedenhale, Thomas Craunk, Richard de la Chaumbre, Nicholas de Sandwyc, Roger de Audeleye, Henry Wygod, Wadyn Crok, John Harsik, Benedict de Braham, William de Mareny, Stephen "Donhesd," Juan ap Griffyn, Robert de Wedenhale, Peter Bernard, John de Mosdene, Richard de Hull, Roger de Reyham, John del Ile, William Daumarle, Henry de Cauntebr[ege], John de Everwyk, John de Aspale, Giles de Spayne, John Gymyng, John de Toucestre, John Hauteyn, George de Percy, Friar Richard de Pontefract, Friar Richard Vavacour, Friar Henry Domeram, Friar Thomas de Bourne, William de Clif, "Resus" ap Griffin, and Richard de Wuselade, who stood charged with being adherents of Edmund de Wodestoke, late Earl of Kent, confessedly a rebel,² and to bring

*Breve ad
mittend^o cives
ad Regem.*

¹ Howden, co. York.

² Edmund of Woodstock, brother of King Edward II., and created by

him Earl of Kent in 1321, had been drawn into a plot by Mortimer, who continued to govern the young king

them before the King a month after Easter. Witness the King at Wodestoke, 31 March, 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

Return made to the effect that the Sheriffs had arrested John Hauteyn, Henry de Cantebr[ege], and John de Everwyk, citizens of London, but that the others mentioned in the writ were not in their bailiwick nor had any property therein. Further, that they had seized property found in their bailiwick belonging to John Hauteyn and John de Everwyk (*de Ebor'*). As to the bodies of the above John and Henry, the Sheriffs could not remove them out of the City inasmuch as they were free citizens.

Indemnity granted for the above return.

Fo. cc b.

*Custodia Joh'is
fil' Rad'i de
Wandles-
worth.*

Tuesday after the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330], the guardianship of John, son of Ralph de Wandlesworth, aged seven years, committed to John de Neubery by Simon de Swanlond, Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, Thomas de Leyre, John de Caustone, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen.

Fo. cci.

Lease by John Bretoun, of the county of Cambridge, and Alice his wife, daughter of Laurence Hardel, late citizen of London, to Walter Turk, fishmonger, and Idonia his wife, late wife of Robert de Dorkynge, of certain tenements, wharves, &c., in the parishes of St. James de Garlekhuthe, St. Martin de Garlekhuthe [*sic*], and St. Martin of the Vintry, for a term of thirty years, at an annual rent of 10 marks; Simon de Swanlond being then Mayor, Henry de Gisorsz and Richard le Lacer, Sheriffs, and Anketyn de Gisorsz, Alderman of the Ward.¹ Witnesses, John de Oxenford, Walter Neal, Richard de Rothinge, Richard Gubbe, John de Denham, John de Ware, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Monday before the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].²

Fo. cci b.

Account of Henry de Seccheford, the Chamberlain of the

Edward III. as formerly he had governed his father. At a Parliament which met at Winchester in March, 1330 (*vide supra*, p. 243), he had the Earl arrested, and after trial caused him to be beheaded, on the 19th of the same month. Mortimer, who was himself arrested by the

King's orders and condemned and hanged in the following November, confessed before his death that the Earl was innocent. 'Chron. Edward I. and II.,' i. 349; ii. 100, 291.

¹ Vintry.

² The parties are recorded as having appeared on Monday before the Feast

Guildhall, rendered in the month of July, A.D. 1330, anno 4 Edward III., before Nicholas de Farndone, Reginald de Conduit, and Thomas de Leire, Aldermen, Thomas de Chetyngdone, William Haunsard, and Henry de Prestone, commoners, the auditors given and assigned by the Mayor and Commonalty in an assembly at the Guildhall on Tuesday before the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], the year aforesaid, to hear the account and to make just allowances to the said Henry, viz., from Monday the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], anno 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328], up to Friday the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], anno 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

Among the particulars which follow are sums of money received from William Fosshard de Warneford, William de Farnherst, Thomas Canun, armourer, Stephen atte Holmes, brewer, Stephen, son of William de Zeddyngge, William, son of Richard de Uptone, Richard, son of Margaret Stanhard, William, son of Alexander atte Hyde, Ralph, son of Stephen de Shernhale, Roger Power, "coureur," Hugh le Spenser, Richard, son of Julia de Draytone, and others in respect of apprenticeships and the freedom of the City; also sums received from Alice, late wife of Thomas de Cobham, Richard de Brisyngham, William de Gartone, and others, in respect of recognisances of debts.

The said Henry also renders account of money paid to Gregory de Nortone, the Recorder, and others receiving the City's fee.

Fo. ccii.

Allowance of 6 marks made to the said Chamberlain for the loss of a horse whilst he was following the King for the purpose of obtaining writs to allow the citizens of London to hold pleas touching their fellow-citizens at Fairs,¹ the King being about to cross the sea to render homage for Gascony.² The said allowance granted by Simon de Swanlond, the Mayor, Nicholas de

of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], anno 4 Edward III., and caused the above lease to be enrolled, that is to say, before the date of its execution.

¹ Pursuant to the terms of the King's charter of 6 March, 1327. Cf. *supra*, p. 230.

² In 1329 the young King reluctantly did homage to Philip de Valois, who had recently succeeded Charles IV. on the throne of France. Cf. *supra*, p. 238.

Farndone, John de Grantham, Gregory de Nortone, Reginald de Conduit, John de Caustone, and Thomas de Leyre, Aldermen, and Stephen de Abyndone.

Acquittance to the Chamberlain under the Common Seal. Dated 18 August, 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

Fos. ccii b-
cciii b.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs and the collectors of murage, pontage, and pavage in the City, that they allow citizens of Exeter to be quit of toll, passage, pontage, murage, pavage, pickage,¹ anchorage, strandage,² and harbour dues (*segeagio*). Dated at Northampton, 1 Aug., 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

*Allocacio facta
civibus Exon'
de prestacione
muragii.*

Saturday the morrow of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330], the above writ read before Simon de Swanlond, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Gregory de Nortone, Thomas de Leyre, John de Caustone, John de Prestone, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and a great Commonalty, and its purport allowed.

*Carta civium
Exon'.*

Inspeximus charter of the city of Exeter, dated at Eltham, 1 March, 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1328-9]. It inspects (1) a charter dated at Westminster, 6 Nov., 44 Henry III. [A.D. 1259], which inspects a charter granted by Richard, King of the Romans. Dated at London, 7 Nov., the third indiction, the third year of his reign [A.D. 1258?].³ It inspects (2) a charter dated at Westminster, 12 Nov., 14 Edward II. [A.D. 1320], which inspects a charter dated at "Estone," near Stamford, 4 May, 28 Edward I. [A.D. 1300].⁴

¹ Payment to the owner of soil for breaking ground.

² Payment for leave to beach a boat.

³ There is a difficulty here. Richard, Earl of Cornwall, the younger son of King John and brother of King Henry III., was "elected King of the Romans in November, 1256, from which year his regnal years are reckoned" (Bond's 'Handy-Book' for verifying dates, p. 299). It may well be, therefore, that the charter here recorded was dated 7 Nov., 1258, and was confirmed a year later by Henry III. Unfortunately, the year

1258 was the *first* and not the third indiction. On the other hand, if the third year of his reign be calculated from the date of his *coronation* (viz., 17 May, 1257) the date of the charter would be 7 Nov., 1259, or a day *after* the date of the confirmatory charter of Henry III. Moreover, the year of the *third* indiction was 1260.

⁴ The inspeximus charter of Edward I. is printed in the 'Liber Cust.' (from the Cottonian MS. Claudius D. II.), ii. 667-9. Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 240.

Inspeximus charter of liberties to the city of Oxford, dated at Notyngham, 10 May, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327]. It inspects and confirms (1) a charter of Henry II.¹ [date not recorded], granting (*inter alia*) to the citizens their guild merchant as in the days of King Henry I. It also inspects (2) a charter dated at Westminster, 14 June, 1 John [A.D. 1199]; (3) a charter dated at "Caldestrem,"² 20 July, 29 Edward I. [A.D. 1301], which inspects (a) a charter dated at Westminster, 16 Feb., 13 Henry III. [A.D. 1228-9];³ and (b) another charter dated at Westminster, 26 March, 41 Henry III. [A.D. 1257].

Fos. cciv.
ccvi.

*Carta libertat'
Oxonie.*

Lease by John le Yonge de Shordich and Roysia his wife, daughter of Stephen de Uptone, to Stephen de Berkynge, hosier (*calligator*), of a portion of a shop in the parish of St. Mary le Bow in Cordewanerstrete for a term of six years from Midsummer, 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

Fo. ccvi.

*Scriptum
Steph'i de
Berkynge.*

The above deed acknowledged before the Chamberlain on Thursday the eve of St. Margaret [20 July], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

Be it remembered that on Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330], came burgesses of the vill of Salopesbyre⁴ before Simon de Swanlond, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, John de Grantham, Gregory de Nortone, Reginald de Conduit, John de Prestone, Richard de Hakeneye, Thomas de Leyre, John Priour, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, and asked to be quit of murage in the City of London according to the terms of a charter dated at Winchester, 22 Sept., 49 Henry III. [A.D. 1265],⁵ and confirmed by another charter dated at New Sarum, 25 Oct., 2 Edward III. [A.D. 1328].

Fo. ccvi b.

*Allocac'
muragii pro
villa Salopp'.*

Their petition allowed.

¹ A portion of the charter of Henry II. will be found set out in Dr. Gross's 'The Gild Merchant,' ii. 386-7. It is also printed more fully, in Latin, in Stubbs's 'Select Charters' (p. 167), where the first witness is given as Thomas the Chancellor (*Thoma Cancellario*), whereas the first (and only) witness recorded

in the Letter-Book is Thomas, Earl of Kent (*Thom' con' Kan'*).

² Coldstream, near Berwick.

³ Printed in 'Liber Cust.' (from the Cottonian MS.), ii. 671-3.

⁴ Shrewsbury.

⁵ See Owen and Blakeway, 'Hist. of Shrewsbury,' i. 129.

*Scriptum exec'
test' i Joh'is de
Asshford
per Joh' am de
Stodley.*

Acquittance by Johanna de Stodleye to Reginald de Conduit and Laurence le Botoner, executors of John de Asshford,¹ woolmonger, for the sum of £20 bequeathed by the said John to Alice and Johanna his daughters begotten of the aforesaid Johanna; and covenant to expend the same for the benefit of the said children. Sureties, viz., Nicholas Pyk and William Cros de Martelane. Dated Tuesday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1].

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday before the Nativity St. John Bapt. [24 June], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], came Johanna, daughter of the above John de Asshford and of Johanna de Stodleye, before Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, John de Pulteneye, Gregory de Nortone, Richard de Hakeneye, Henry Darcy, John de Oxon', Richard de Rothinge, Andrew Aubrey, John Hamond, Ralph de Uptone, Henry de Seccheford, Richard de Berkynge, William de Caustone, and Richard le Lacer, Aldermen, and received all the money bequeathed to her by her father for her marriage, and the executors were acquitted.

Fo. ccvii.

Be it remembered that on Thursday after the Feast of St. Dionisius [9 Oct.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330], came Richard de la Pole and William, son of William Charles, before Simon de Swanlond, the Mayor, and delivered to Henry de Seccheford, the Chamberlain, a certain statute merchant (*statutum de mercatoribus*) sealed with the seal of the said Richard of green wax and the King's seal of red wax, and dated at Norwich, 30 Sept., the year aforesaid; by which statute merchant the said Richard stood bound to pay to the said William the sum of £1,000 in London at Christmas next by way of a deposit, according to the terms of certain tripartite indentures sealed with their seals and the seal of the Mayoralty of London.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday before the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], the same year, came the aforesaid William Charles before Henry de Seccheford, the Chamberlain, and gave up the part of the aforesaid indenture in his possession, and consented to the statute aforesaid being delivered to Richard de la Pole.

¹ His will dated 4 Jan., 1329[-30], the Husting. 'Calendar of Wills,' and enrolled shortly afterwards in i. 354.

On the morrow came a certain Peter de before John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Richard de Hakeneye, John de Caustone, John de Prestone, John Priour, Gregory de Nortone, John de Cherletone, and Robert de Kelseye, and proffered a letter of the aforesaid William, dated Monday the morrow of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330], authorizing the delivery of the statute to the said Richard.

Lease by Friar William de Banham, procurator general of the Order of Bethlehem, to Richard de Swanlond, fishmonger, of a house called "la Stapeledehall,"¹ with shop, &c., adjoining, in the parish of St. Botolph without Bisshopesgate, situate near the tenements of John Geryn and John Brid; to hold the same for a term of twelve years from Michaelmas, 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330], paying annually to the nuns of St. Helen in London the sum of 3 shillings. Dated 4 Aug., 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

Lease by the same to the same of a tenement called "de Bethlehem," together with houses and shops built over it and 20s. annual rent payable by William de Beauchamp, in the same manner as the Friar held the property under the Chamber of the Guildhall, the said tenement being situate without Bisshopesgate near the tenement of Adam de Burgoyne and the gardens of Roger Huberd, William le Rous, and of Sir Henry [de Colne], the Rector of St. Botolph's without Bisshopesgate, and extending from the tenement of Stephen de Abyndone and the Hospital of St. Mary without Bisshopesgate up to the common moor; to hold the same for a term of eleven years from Michaelmas, 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330], paying yearly to the Chamber aforesaid the sum of 40s. The grantor reserves a portion of the property for himself and his brethren. Dated 4 Aug., 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

Lease by John de Wymondham, ironmonger, to Stephen

Fo. ccvii b.

*Scriptum Ric'i
de Swanlond
per Fratrem
Will'm de
Banham.*

ij s. vjd.

*Aliud scrip-
tum ejusd'
Ric'i per eun-
dem fratrem
Will'm.*

ij s. vjd.

Fo. ccviii.

¹ A tenement of this name is recorded several times in the Husting Rolls, but always as being in the parish of All Hallows, Berking. Hust. Rolls 16 (56); 24 (58); 47 (110); 59 (8); 89 (30) (54). It must

not be confounded with "Stapel halle" (afterwards Staple Inn) in the parish of St. Andrew, Holborn, a mistake of which the editor was inadvertently guilty in his 'Calendar of Wills, Court of Hust.' (i. 394 n.).

*Convencio int'
Joh^m de
Wymondham
et Steph^m
Lucas.*

ijs. vja.

Lucas, "stokfisshmongere," of a tenement and wharf in the parish of St. Magnus the Martyr, situate near the tenements of Stephen de Abyndone and Hugh de Waltham to hold the same for a term of twenty years from Michaelmas next at an annual rent of 2 marks, the lessor reserving to himself sufficient room on the wharf for two casks. Dated Monday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

Fos. ccviii b-
ccix.

*Scriptum
Thome de
Cauntebr^o
merceri.*

ijs. vjd.

Lease by Gilbert Cros and Agnes his wife to Thomas de Cauntebrege, mercer, of shops in Westchepe in the parish of St. Mary le Bow; to hold the same for life at an annual rent of £10. Dated Monday the morrow of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

Fo. ccix b.

*Transcript
brevium de
Neugate pro
Maio^{re} anno
quarto.*

Letters patent appointing John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, to be a Justice, in conjunction with Richard de Wylughby, for gaol delivery of Neugate in place of Simon de Swanlond, the late Mayor. Witness the King at Westminster, 8 Jan., 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1].

The King to Richard de Wylughby informing him of the above appointment. Same date.

Fo. ccx.

Pro Tapic^{is}.

Ordinances of the Tapicers¹ made by the good folk of the said mistery and approved before John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty in the Court held for Common Pleas on Monday the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1].²

[Fo. ccx b *blank*.]

Fo. ccxi.

Tuesday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330], decree by Simon de Swanlond, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, John de Grantham, Gregory de Nortone, Reginald de Conduit, John de Prestone, Richard de Hakeneye, Thomas de Leyre, John Priour, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, that the burgesses of Oxford should have all the liberties of their charter,³ as formerly granted during the Mayoralty of Richard de Betoyne, anno 1 Edward III., except

¹ Makers of "tapit" or tapestry, and, probably, of some kind of carpet (Lat. *tapetum*).

² French-Latin. A translation printed in 'Memorials,' 178.

³ Set out *supra*, fos. cciv-ccvi.

that they shall pay the custom for tronage by the cocket,¹ viz., of wools, woolfels, and hides exported from London to ports beyond the sea, and that they pay tronage on wines imported; and further that they shall not sell by retail in the City, nor buy any wines wholesale in London from merchant strangers to be sold again, as agreed at the time when Ralph de Sandwych was Warden, anno 20 Edward I.

Afterwards, viz., at the Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday after the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1], it was agreed by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Richard de Betoyne, John de Grantham, Reginald de Conduit, John de Prestone, John de Caustone, Gregory de Nortone, Thomas de Leyre, Henry de Seccheford, and other Aldermen [not named], that the burgesses of Oxford should have their accustomed liberties, and be quit of tolls and customs in the City of London, as agreed during the Mayoralty of Simon de Swanlond and entered in the White Book of Memoranda, wherein their charter is enrolled,² except that they shall pay their customs due for tronage by cocket, viz., of wools, woolfels, and hides exported from London to parts beyond the sea, and tronage of wines imported from foreign parts, and shall not sell by retail in the City nor buy wholesale to sell again.

Lease by Thomas, son of William Jordan, late fishmonger, and Dionisia, wife of the said Thomas, to Hugh de Mockynge, fishmonger, of a certain cellar occupied by John atte Wode, fishmonger, in Crokedelane, in the parish of St. Margaret de Bregestrete; also a shop in the same street, situate near the shops of John Freshfissh and Johanna, relict of Walter le

*Quere cartam
Oxon' in
quinto folio
retro.*

Fo. ccxi b.

*Scriptum Hug
de Mockynge
per Thom' Jor-
dan et Dionis'
ux'em ejus.*

ijjs. vjd.

¹ A seal belonging to the King's Custom House used for marking leather, wool, &c. Cf. *supra* (fo. clxxiii b), "gardeyns de vostre seal qest dit Coket en le port de Loundres et de vostre trone iloeques pur leynes." One half of the seal was delivered by the Mayor to one of the incoming Sheriffs, the other half being entrusted

to the King's Commissioners. 'Liber Albus,' i. 45; Palgrave, 'Parl. Writs,' i. 406.

² Referring to the charter recorded *supra* (fos. cciv-ccvi), Letter-Book E being sometimes known as the "White Book" or "New White Book of Writs and Memoranda." See Introd., 'Cal. Letter-Book A,' p. ii.

Marberer; to hold the same for a term of sixteen years from Midsummer, A.D. 1331.

The above deed was caused to be enrolled by the aforesaid Thomas and Dionisia before Robert de Ely on Friday the eve of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1].

*Allocacio facta
Burgensibus
de Cantebrege
de muragio.*

Be it remembered that on Thursday after the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1], came Hugh Madefrey before John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Richard de Betoyn, John de Grantham, Simon de Swanlond, John de Prestone, Benedict de Fulsham, Robert de Ely, Richard de Hakeneye, Reginald de Conduit, Gregory de Nortone, Thomas de Leyre, Henry de Combemartyn, John de Caustone, John Priour, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and Stephen de Abyndone, Thomas Harwold, William Haunsard, Henry Monqoi, Roger Chauntecler, Nicholas Crane, John de Somersham, John de Bettone, Richard de Welleford, John de Aynesham, Adam Lucas, Adam Pikeman, Stephen de Uptone, John Lovekyn, and other citizens [not named], assembled together, and asked that the burgesses of the town of Grauntebregge might be allowed their liberty touching the payment of murage, whereof they ought to be quit according to the terms of their charter produced, viz., "Edward, by the grace of God, &c., we have inspected the charter which the lord Henry, late King of England, our grandfather, made to the burgesses of Cantebryge in these words: Henry, by the grace of God, &c. Know ye that we have granted, and by this our charter have confirmed, to our burgesses of Cantebrege the vill of Cantebrege with all its appurtenances, &c. And moreover have granted for us and our heirs that they, their heirs and successors aforesaid, be for ever quit of pavage, murage, and pickage within our realm and dominion."¹

The said charter being read, it was granted that the

¹ The charters here mentioned were those dated respectively 21 April, 11 Henry III. [A.D. 1227], and 27 Nov., 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1313], the last paragraph occurring in the opera-

tive part of the inspeximus charter of Edward II. See Maitland, 'Charters of the Borough of Cambridge,' pp. 12-14, 20-22.

burgesses of the vill of Cant[ebrege] and their successors should thenceforth be quit in the City of London of payment of murage only, &c.

Indenture of defeasance of a bond entered into by John, son of John de Wymondham, in favour of Stephen Lucas, "stok-fissshmongere," in the sum of £20, on condition that the said Stephen be allowed quiet possession of a certain tenement demised to him by the said John for a term of years, situate in the parish of St. Magnus the Martyr. Dated Wednesday after the Translation of St. Edward [13 Oct.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330].

Fo. ccxii.

*Scriptum
Steph'i Lucas
per Joh'm de
Wymondham.*

ijs. vjd.

Charter of Edward III. inspecting the charter to the Templars, dated at "Radynge," 12 June, 37 Henry III. [A.D. 1253],¹ and confirming the assignment of their property to the Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem made by statute in the previous reign. Dated at York, 15 August, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327].

Fos. ccxii b-
ccxiii.

*Carta Tem-
plariorum.*

Inspeximus charter granted to the Hospitallers of St. John of Jerusalem, dated at York, 30 June, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327]. It inspects and confirms charter to the same dated at "Certe-seye" (Chertsey), 22 Dec., 2 Edward II. [A.D. 1308], which inspects charter dated at Westminster, 8 June, 8 Edward I. [A.D. 1280], which inspects two charters dated respectively at Winchester, 20 and 23 June, 37 Henry III. [A.D. 1253].

Fos. ccxiii b-
ccxiv.

Assignment by Stephen de Berkinge, hosier, and Margery his wife to Thomas Hardi, saddler, of rents and tenements in the parish of St. Vedast in Westchepe which they had received, together with the wardship of Nicholas, the son of William Lyghtfot, late saddler, and of Sabine his wife; to hold the same to the said Thomas during the minority of the said Nicholas. Witnesses, Robert de Bristoll, Ralph de Blithe, William Pikerel, Richard de Arderne, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Friday after the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

Fo. ccxiv b.

*Scriptum
Thome Hardi
per Steph'm de
Berkinge, etc.*

ijs. vjd.

¹ The charter is identical in terms with that printed in Dugdale's 'Monast.' (vol. vi. pt. ii. p. 844), bearing | date Westminster, 9 February [11 Hen. III.].

*Scriptum exec'
test'i Joh'is de
Asshford per
Joh'm Levynge.*

ij^s. vj^d.

Acquittance by John Levynge de Caustone, haberdasher, and Johanna his wife, daughter of John de Asshford, late wool-monger, to Reginald de Conduyt, Laurence le Botoner, and John Smart, executors of the said John de Asshford, for money left to the said Johanna by her said father. Dated 4 July, 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

Fo. ccxv.

*Scriptum
Rad'i de
Cantebr'.*

ij^s. vj^d.

Defeasance of a bond entered into by Ralph de Cauntebregge, "pheliper," for the payment of £20 to Nicholas de Wyght, tailor, on condition that the said Nicholas and Matilda his wife be allowed peaceable enjoyment of a certain tenement and rents in the parish of St. Mary de Wolnoth in Lombardestret, and are not disturbed by any one on account of dower of Margery, wife of the said Ralph. Witnesses, Gregory de Nortone, Reginald de Conduyt, Richard de Gloucestre, William de Grenestede, Henry de Norhamptone, &c. Dated Tuesday after the Feast of St. Matthias, Ap. [24 Feb.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1].

Enrolled before Gregory de Nortone, Alderman, Monday the morrow of St. Matthias, Ap. [24 Feb.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1].¹

Fo. ccxv b.

*Allocacio facta
mercatoribus
de Lovayne de
muragio, etc.*

Writ *pluries* to the Mayor and Sheriffs of London and collectors of murage, pontage, and pavage in the City that they cease to exact such custom from merchants of Lovayne, and that they restore any already taken. Dated at Otteford, 12 March, 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1].

The above writ having been read in the Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday before [*sic*] the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1], it was agreed by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Gregory de Nortone, Robert de Ely, Henry de Gysors, Richard de Haken[eye], Thomas de Leyre, John de Caustone, John Priour, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and the Commonalty, &c., that merchants of Lovayne should thenceforth be quit in the City of murage, pontage, and pavage, according to the terms of their charter granted by Edward I. and the above writ.

¹ Here again the enrolment of a deed appears to have taken place before the date of its execution. Cf. *supra*, p. 246, note 2.

Writ to the Mayor that he assist John de Eltham, Earl of Cornwall, the King's brother, whom the King had appointed *Custos* of the realm during his absence in France, whither he was going in fulfilment of a vow recently made at a time of peril, and on other business affecting the realm. Witness the King at Dover, 4 April, 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331].¹

Fo. ccxvi.

*Br'e R' quod
Joh' de Pul-
teneye, Maior
London', sit
intendens
Comiti Corn-
ub' Custodi
Angl' in
consilio et
auxilio, etc.*

Grant under the Common Seal by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, the Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty of the City, to William Haunsard of the murage of the City (lately granted to the Mayor and citizens by the King), on the understanding that the said William shall pay to Roger Chauntecler the sum of £40 advanced to the King by the said Roger, for the recovery of which he had brought an action in the Exchequer. The said William to hold the said murage for a term of one year from the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.] next ensuing for the sum of 200 marks, allowance being made for the payment of the sum of £40 aforesaid. Dated Monday the eve of St. Barnabas [11 June], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331].

Fo. ccxvi b.

Be it remembered that John de Ros and John Wauncy, chaplains, gave by their deed to Laurence Sely, skinner, and Agnes his wife, daughter of Roger Hosebond, a certain tenement, once the property of the said Roger, in the parish of St. Nicholas Shambles, to hold to the said Laurence and Agnes in tail, remainder to Sir Nicholas Hosebond² for life; with further remainder to the Mayor and Commonalty and the Wardens of London Bridge for the time being for the maintenance of a chantry in the church of St. Nicholas aforesaid, to the extent of 100s. a year, the residue being devoted to the fabric of the said bridge; and

*De ten' legat'
ad sustentac'
pont' post de-
cessum d'ni
Nich'i Hose-
bond.*

¹ Rymer, 'Fœdera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. pp. 814, 815. The King sailed for France with a few personal friends and a small retinue, under the guise of merchants, and was absent a little over a fortnight. The real object of his visit is not known, but it was probably for the purpose of bringing

about a settlement of all disputes with the French King.

² A Canon of St. Paul's. Hust. Roll 59 (35). His will preserved among the Cathedral archives. 'Hist. MSS. Com., Ninth Report,' Appendix, p. 47a. Cf. 'Cal. of Wills, Court of Hust., London,' i. 496-7.

thereupon the said deed was sealed with the Common Seal of the City at the request of the said Nicholas on Wednesday the 3rd July, A.D. 1331, and will be enrolled at the next Husting.¹ Therefore the Chamberlain of the Guildhall for the time being shall consider and inquire in time to come if the said event has happened whereby the Commonalty may take action to claim the said tenement in manner aforesaid.

Fos. ccxvii-
ccxvii b.

*Scriptum Ade
Pikeman per
Benedictum de
Shorne et
ux'em eius.*

ijs. vjd.

Grant by Benedict de Shorne and Alice his wife to Adam Pikeman, fishmonger, of certain tenements in the parish of St. Mary de Wolchurchawe, for a term of twenty years, in satisfaction of certain rent-charges on the same formerly granted by the said Benedict to Richard Coterel, cordwainer, and John de Writele, draper, and by them assigned to the said Adam. Witnesses, Gregory de Nortone, Adam de St. Alban, John Hautayn, Richard de Stondone, &c. Dated Monday before Palm Sunday [24 March], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1].

Fo. ccxviii.

*Ordinacio
facta pro
carnificibus.*

Monday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-1], ordinances made for regulating the trade of butchers,² on petition presented by Nicholas Derman, Gilbert de Dullyngham, William le Redere, William atte Noke, Alexander Cobbe, Walter Cobbe, Thomas de Caxtone, James Mantel, Martin le Girdeler, Walter Andreu, John Pynnot, John le Longe, John le Hottere, Robert atte Noke, John de Caxtone, Warin Tasse, John atte Gate, Thomas Cobbe, and Alan atte Watere, before John de Pulteneye, Nicholas de Farndone, Gregory de Nortone, T[homas] de Leyre, John de Caustone, and Henry de Seccheford.

*Quoddam
mem^a pro Ric^o
de la Pole et
Will fr^e ejus.*

13 July, A.D. 1331, a certain box belonging to Richard and William de la Pole, brothers, was placed in the custody of Henry de Seccheford, the Chamberlain, by Hugh de Waltham, clerk, in the presence of John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, Richard de Betoyne, John de Grantham, Gregory de Nortone, and John de Caustone, Aldermen, and others [not named].

¹ It does not appear to have been enrolled. In 1335 we find enrolment of a deed of assignment by Laurence Sely and Agnes his wife of their life interest in the above tenement to

Sir Nicholas Hosebonde and Alice his niece, another daughter of Roger Hosebonde. Hust. Roll 63 (24).

² The ordinances are set out in 'Memorials,' pp. 179, 180.

Deed of covenant between John de Pulteneye, Sir Henry de Iddeburi, Thomas de Betoyné, and Sir John de Mucheldevere,¹ executors of Roysia de Boreford,² of the one part, and Robert de Keleseye of the other, whereby the said Robert agrees to provide two chantry priests for the church of St. Thomas the Apostle, for the good of the soul of the said Roysia, for a term of seven years in satisfaction of a debt of 77 marks, and in default to allow a distress to be made on his tenement in Westchepe, which he had of Katherine de Staunford. Dated the morrow of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331].

Fo. ccxviii b.

*Scriptum ex ec-
test'i Roesie de
Borford per
Rob't'm de
Kels'.*

Lease by John Mareys, "forbour," to Gilbert Scot, skinner, and Wymarca his wife, of a house in "Watlingestrete," in the parish of All Hallows de Bredstrete, situate near the tenement of Adam de Fulham; to hold the same for a term of nineteen years from Michaelmas next, rendering yearly a pair of gloves at Christmas. Witnesses, John de Bredstret, John de Tiffeld, Adam de Foleham, Hugh de Depedene, Roger le Peautrer, and others [not named]. Dated Sunday the eve of the Nativity St. John Bapt. [24 June], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331].

Fo. ccxix.

*Scriptum
Gilb'ti Scot et
ux'is sue per
Joh'm Mareys.*

ijs. vjd.

Enrolled Monday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], the year aforesaid.

Be it remembered that on Tuesday the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331], in the Husting for Pleas of Land, there was granted by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Gregory de Nortone, Richard de Hakeneye, Reginald de Conduit, John Priour, Henry de Gisors, Robert de Ely, Henry de Secheford, and John de Caustone, Aldermen, to William de Langeford a certain vacant plot outside Neugate, adjoining the tenement of the said William, at an annual rent of 12 pence.

Fo. ccxix b.

*De quad'
placea terre di-
missa Will'o
de Langeford
pro xiiid. per
ann.*

In the Husting of London for Common Pleas held on Monday next after the Feast of St. James, Ap. [25 July], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331], it was agreed by the Mayor and Aldermen, and

Fo. ccxx.

Carta Telaarior' London'.

¹ Mitcheldever, co. Hants.

² The will of Roysia de Borford,

dated 1329, is enrolled in the Court of Husting. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 352.

precept was given to the Chamberlain, that the charter made to the Weavers of London be here enrolled as follows :—

Here follows a copy of an inseximus charter to the Weavers dated at Westminster, 26 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327], which inspects a charter dated at "Lentone," 8 April, 31 Edward I. [A.D. 1303], which in its turn inspects a charter granted to the same by Henry II. [not dated].¹

*Commissio
Nund'
Wynton'.*

Notification under the Common Seal to the Bailiffs, &c., of Winchester Fair, of the appointment by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, and the whole Commonalty of the City, of John de Grantham, Richard de Welleford, Richard de Berkyng, Ralph de Uptone, John de Dallinge, junior, and Thomas de Cantebrygge as their Wardens and Attorneys at the said Fair. Dated 1 Sept., 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331].

*Custodia Joh'is
fil' Henr' le
Dubbere [sic].*

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Andrew, Ap. [30 Nov.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331], the guardianship of Benedict, son of John le Dubber, aged sixteen years, committed by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, Robert de Ely [and] John de Caustone, Aldermen, to Agnes, late wife of John de Wynton', bureller. Sureties, viz., Thomas de Sewell, Peter Estmar, and Geoffrey de Haselwell, burellers.

Afterwards, viz., at the Court of Pleas of Land held on Monday before the Feast of St. Valentine [14 Feb.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1336-7], came the aforesaid Benedict, who appeared to the Mayor and Aldermen to be of full age, and acknowledged satisfaction of his property.

*Custod' Joh'is
fil' quond' Ade
Baudri.*

Wednesday the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331], the guardianship of John, son of Adam Baudri, committed to Thomas de Kent, tanner, by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, Robert de Ely and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen. Sureties, viz., Nicholas de Reygate, girdler, and Richard de Enefeld, "fuister."²

¹ As to these several charters to the Weavers see 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' pp. 221 n., 222 n. Here again, as in Letter-Book D, the first witness to

the charter of Henry II. is recorded as "T. Canc'," referring to Thomas Becket, the Chancellor.

² Maker of saddle-bows.

Here follow certain ordinances,¹ viz. :—

Ordinance for the punishment of the servants of master-bakers who commit offences and abscond.

FO. CCXxi.

*Ordinacio de
pistoribus et
eor² servient¹.*

Ordinance regulating the price of wine and for taverners to keep open the doors of their taverns and cellars.

*De vendicione
vinor².*

Proclamation of the above ordinances.

Proclamacio.

Names of taverners who refused to obey the above ordinance and closed their doors.

Thereupon twelve of the best men of each Ward summoned to make inquisition thereon. Four inquisitions held [only two recorded].

† Names of the first jury, viz., John de Bixle, John de Denham, Elias de Wodehere, Richard Pynnore, William de Bleynes, Henry de Cosford, John Tornegold, John Syward, Thomas de Chetyndone, Walter Lusser, Richard atte Gate, and Simon le Cotiller.

FO. CCXXi b.

Prima Inquis².

Names of the second jury, viz., Richard de Prestone, Elias de Thorpe, Henry de Prestone, Simon Turgiz, Thomas de Maryns, Laurence le Botoner, Philip Gentil, John de Someresham, John de Dallinge, Ralph de Grauntebr[ege], John de Aylesham, and Ralph de Uptone.

*Secunda
Inquis².*

Names recorded in the verdict of the second jury, viz., John de Oxon', Richard de Rothinge, Michael Mignot, Edmund Cosyn, Henry le Palmere, Reginald de Thorpe, Adam de Burgoyne, Alan atte Conduyt, John de Wyght, Thomas Hautayn, Alexander de Burgoyne, Stephen atte Conduyt, Walter le Tableter, Richard de Essex, John Wroth, John Hablont, William de Stanes, Richard Sterre, Frank [*Francus*] atte Brokenselde, Nicholas le Blake, Simon le Taverner near "le Stockes," John Turgiz, John de Cliftone, William de Croidone, Nicholas Ponge, John de Tackele, William Isamberd, Richard de Pelham, Edmund Cosyn [*sic*], John le Taverner de Bredstretende,

¹ The ordinances, together with proclamation and subsequent proceedings, are printed in 'Memorials' (pp. 180-

183), but the editor omits a large number of personal names which are here supplied.

Cambyn Fulbert, Nicholas de Bristoll, Benedict de Suffolk, and Henry le Palmere [*sic*],.....[ends abruptly].

FO. CCXXII.

Pleas held before the Mayor, Saturday before the Feast of St. Vincent [22 Jan.], 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334-5].

*Processus de
lanis attach'
super Gode-
fridum atte
Rye de Bruges.*

Walter Turk and John de Hyngestone, Sheriffs, attached to answer Godfrey atte Rye in a plea of trespass for having, on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334-5], attached twenty sarplers of wool belonging to the said Godfrey on "le Wollewharf" in Tower Ward, which they still detain. The Sheriffs plead in defence that, according to the custom and liberty of the City, no merchandise ought to be sold among foreigners within the City for resale under penalty of forfeiting the thing sold; and they say that a certain William atte Hulle de Briggenthorth, a merchant stranger, sold the wool to the said Godfrey, a merchant stranger, in the house of Thomas Perle at "le Wollewharf," contrary to the liberty of the City, and that the said Sheriffs did on that account seize the wool, which they ask to be adjudged as forfeited, &c. And the said Godfrey says that he bought the wool as aforesaid from Thomas Perle, who is a freeman of the City, and not from William atte Hulle, and this he offers *per quantum cur'*, etc. And the said Sheriffs say that as to the said Thomas having sold the wool to the said Godfrey, the wool, at the time of sale, belonged to William atte Hulle to traffic withal, and the said William's mark, and not Thomas's, was on the wool at the time. And as to this they ask for an inquisition by the country, and the said Godfrey likewise. The country therefore of the venue of "le Wollewharf" summoned for a certain day. Afterwards came Thomas Perle, the host of the said Godfrey and William, and on their behalf made fine with the Sheriffs for the trespass aforesaid. Thereupon the wool was delivered to the said Godfrey for his benefit, &c.

*Acquietanc'
Abbat'is de
Pippewell per
Bauduchinum
Mascarelli.*

Deed of acquittance by Bauduchin Mascarelli, merchant of Luca, to Nicholas the Abbot and the Convent of Pippewell, co. Northampton, for the sum of £46 13s. 4d., in satisfaction of a recognizance for £100. The Mayoralty seal attached to

the acquittance by Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, at the request of the said Bauduchin. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

ijs. vjd.

Writ to the Mayor and Bailiffs of London that they allow citizens of Hereford and those living in the suburbs of the City of Hereford, although they be tenants of the Bishop or of the Dean and Chapter or other person soever, to be quit of murage according to the terms of a charter to the said citizens dated at Hereford, 28 Jan., 8 Edward III.¹ [A.D. 1333-4], enlarging a charter granted to the same by his great-grandfather. Writ dated at Westminster, 22 Sept., 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334].

Fo. ccxxii b.

*Allocacio facta
civibus Here-
ford' de
muragio.*

After examination of the above writ and charter on Tuesday after the Feast of St. Martin in Yeme [11 Nov.], 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334], it was agreed by Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, John de Prestone, Andrew Aubry, John de Oxon', Henry Darcy, Henry de Secheford, and Richard le Lacer, Aldermen, that the said citizens of Hereford and their successors should be quit of murage within the liberty of the City of London.

Release by Gilbert Scot, skinner, and Wymarca his wife to John Mareis, "forbour," of a certain shop in Watlingestret, in the parish of All Hallows de Bredstrete, let by the said John to the said Gilbert and Wymarca for a term of nineteen years.² Witnesses, John de Bredstret, William de Cheyham, John de Tiffeld, Hugh de Depedene, Thomas le Barber, John Sprot, John de Draytone, Adam de Foleham, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday before the Feast of St. Edmund, K. [20 Nov.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331].

Fo. ccxxiii.

*Scriptum
Joh'is Mareis.*

ijs. vjd.

Monday after the Translation of St. Thomas the Martyr [7 July], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332], it was agreed by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, and the Aldermen that Master William

*Pro Will'o de
Rameseye.*

¹ No mention is made of a charter of this date either in Duncumb's 'Hereford,' Johnson's 'Ancient Customs of Hereford,' or Dr. Gross's 'The Gild Merchant,' but all three authorities mention a charter of 8 Ed-

ward II., the seal of which, as described by Johnson (who had evidently examined the original document at Hereford), would equally represent the second seal of Edward III.

² *Vide supra*, p. 259.

de Rameseye, mason, who is master of the new work of the Church of St. Paul, London, and has assiduously and entirely devoted himself especially to the affairs of the said church, shall not be put on assizes, juries, or any inquests, nor shall be summoned by the serjeants of the Mayor and Sheriffs or Beadles of the Wards to attend any special or ordinary summons at the Guildhall or elsewhere so long as he is engaged on the said church, unless his presence be urgently required for certain special cause.

Fo. ccxxiii b.

*Custodia Hen-
rici filii quondam
Johannis le Yonge.*

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew [24 Aug.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331], the guardianship of Henry, son of John le Yonge, aged thirteen years, together with certain goods, viz., £33 6s. 8d. in money numbered; two pairs of shears for shearing cloth, value 12s.; a mazer cup, value 4s.; a cup of silver plate, value 10s.; two silver spoons, value 2s. 6d.; a feather bed, value 3s.; two blankets and two sheets, value 5s.; a brass pot and dish, value 2s. 6d., was committed to Richard Fox, bureller, by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, John de Caustone, Aldermen, and Henry de Secheford, the Chamberlain. Sureties for the said guardian, viz., John le Neve, Robert de Hatfeld, Thomas de Ronewelle, and Geoffrey de Haselwelle; and Simon de Merworth became surety for one-fourth of the aforesaid goods, &c.

*Custodia pueri
Thome de
Kent.*

Tuesday before the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331], the guardianship of Thomas, aged eight years, Richard, aged five, and Juliana, aged two years, children of Thomas de Kent, bureller, committed to Thomas de Canterbury and Margery his wife, late wife of the aforesaid Thomas de Kent, by the aforesaid Mayor, Aldermen, and Chamberlain. Sureties for the said Thomas and Margery, viz., Roger Chauntecler and Simon de Merworth.

Fo. ccxxiv.

*Pro Johanne
filio Ade
Baudry.*

Judgment delivered Michaelmas term, 5 Edw. III. [A.D. 1331], that John, son of Adam Baudry, late tanner, recover from Philip Dikeman, who married Johanna, the widow of John de Stoppelegh, one of the executors of the said Adam, the sum of 10 marks, in satisfaction of bequests made to him by his said father.

Afterwards, viz., on Wednesday the Feast of St. Edmund the

King [20 Nov.], the same year, the said Philip came to the Chamber of the Guildhall and paid the said sum of 10 marks to Henry de Seccheford, the Chamberlain, and so is quit.

Writ *alias* to the Mayor and collectors of murage, pontage, and pavage of the City of London that they suffer Reyner Perim and his fellow-merchants of the Company of the Peruchi of Florence to be quit of the said dues for their merchandise imported and exported pursuant to the charter granted to merchant strangers by the King's grandfather.¹ Dated at "Langale," 28 Feb., 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1331-2].

Fo. ccxxiv b.

*Allocacio facta
mercatorib' de
Societate
Peruchi.*

The above writ and aforesaid charter having been read and understood by John de Pulteneye and the Aldermen on Saturday after Ash Wednesday [4 March], it was granted to the aforesaid Reyner and his fellow-merchants of the said Company that they should thenceforth be quit of murage in the City.

Monday before the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], the year aforesaid, Robert, son of William Halleman de Cokthorpe, apprentice of John le Longe, "hattere," committed to Newgate by the Mayor and Aldermen for refusing to make oath that he would faithfully serve his master; afterwards, viz., on Tuesday after the Feast of St. Gregory, he came to the full Husting and was sworn, &c.

*Prison' ejus-
dam apprentic'
quia d' no suo
iurav' noluit.*

Lease by Sir Ralph Angot, Knt., to Nicholas Guilli[m] de Luca, citizen and apothecary of London, and Johanna his wife, of certain shops, hitherto held for a term of years by the said Nicholas and Burnet Guilli[m] de Luca his brother, and situate in the parish of St. Benedict Shorhog; to hold to the said Nicholas and Johanna for a term of forty years from Midsummer, anno 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332], at an annual rent of 60s.; John de Pulteneye being Mayor, John de Mockyng and Andrew Aubrey, Sheriffs, and Reginald de Conduit, Alderman of the Ward.³ Witnesses, Thomas Hauteyn, Michael de Caustone, Peter de Grenewyc', Peter de Arraz, William de Stanes, William de

Fo. ccxxv.

*Script' Nich'i
Guilli'.*

¹ Referring to the "Carta Mercatoria" or "Statutum de Nova Custuma" of 1303. See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 245n.

² King's Langley, co. Herts.

³ Cheap.

Brunne, Richard de Lincoln, William de Donmowe, and others [not named]. Dated Tuesday the eve of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].

The above deed read and acknowledged before H[enry] de Seccheford, the Chamberlain, Tuesday after the Feast of the Assumption B. M. [15 Aug.], the same year.

Fos. ccxxv b-
ccxxvi.

Proceedings between John Spray and William de Rameseye for the guardianship of Robert, son of William Huberd.

Whereas the guardianship of the said Robert had lately been committed by the Mayor and Aldermen to John Spray, as appears *supra*, fo. clxxxvii b, the said John came before John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, and the Aldermen at the Guildhall, on Saturday the Feast of St. Clement [23 Nov.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331], and complained that a certain Master William de Rameseye, junior, and Cristiana his wife, Thomas de Chacombe, William de Rameseye, senior, Nicholas de Rameseye, Nicholas, a kinsman of William de Rameseye, and John, the chaplain of Wolcherche, had come to the house of the said John Spray without Aldresgate, on Wednesday the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], the year aforesaid, and forcibly abducted the said Robert and caused him to be married to Agnes, a daughter of William de Rameseye, junior, in contempt of the Mayor and Aldermen and loss of 100 marks, and he asked a remedy. Thereupon precept was issued to the Sheriffs to attach the said William and the rest so that they appear before the Mayor and Aldermen on Thursday before the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.] next ensuing. The Sheriffs made return that they had attached William and Cristiana and Thomas de Chacombe, but the rest were *non inventi*. On the day named the said William, Cristiana, and Thomas pleaded not guilty as to the abduction, and as to the marriage they said it had taken place with the assent of the infants, touching which abduction and marriage they put themselves on the country and were acquitted. Thereupon precept to the said John Spray that he produce the boy before the Mayor and Aldermen that day fortnight. On which day he failed to bring the boy, but afterwards, viz., on

the eve of St. Thomas's Day, the Mayor took the boy into his keeping, and there he remained until Monday the morrow of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], when in a Court *de scawyatoribus*¹ held by the Mayor it was agreed by the Mayor and Aldermen that he should remain in the custody of Henry de Seccheford, the Chamberlain, until, &c., and that the aforesaid John Spray should render an account of the boy's property whilst in his custody, before John de Caustone and Hugh de Waltham as auditors, and Robert de Ely and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, as surveyors. An account rendered accordingly. As to the marriage, inasmuch as it could not be annulled and for other reasons, it was adjudged that the boy should choose whether he would remain in the custody of William de Rameseye, whose daughter he had married, or of John Spray. The boy thereupon chose to remain with the said William and his wife. Afterwards, viz., in the month of August, the same year, came John Spray and prayed his discharge in respect of the guardianship of the said Robert, and it was granted. Sureties for the proper performance of his duties as guardian by the said William were found, viz., Thomas de Cauntebregge, of the Ward of Aldresgate, Geoffrey de Hestone, Thomas Deu, and Robert de Clactone, "peyntour."

Inquisition held before Henry de Seccheford, Alderman and Chamberlain of the Guildhall, on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332], by the following jurors, viz., Thomas de Grauntebregge, Geoffrey de Hestone, John le Peyntour, William de Salesbery, Thomas de Chacombe, Robert de Clactone, Roger Don, Thomas Deu, John de Lenne, Augustine le Herberer, William le Brewere, and Adam de Sarum, "hattere," as to particulars of the property of Robert, son of William Huberd.

Fo. ccxxvi b.

*Custod' Rob'ti
fil' Will'i
Huberd.*

Writ of Privy Seal addressed to Archbishops, Bishops, Bailiffs, &c., that they allow merchants of Coventre to pass quit of certain tolls. Witnesses, J[ohn Stratford], Archbishop

*Carta ville de
Coventre.*

¹ Evidently another form of *curia* | much obscurity), concerning which
de scawyatoriis (a Court enveloped in | see 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 151n.

elect of Canterbury, the King's Chancellor, H[enry de Burghersh], Bp. of Lincoln, R[oger de Northburgh], Bp. of Coventry and Lichfield, John [of Eltham], Earl of Cornwall, the King's most dear brother, John de Warren, Earl of Surrey, William de Roos de Hamelak, William de Montagu, Ralph de Neville, Steward of the King's Household, and others [not named]. Dated at York, 2 March, 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1333-4].

The above being read before John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, and the Aldermen on Monday the morrow of SS. Philip and James [1 May], the year aforesaid [A.D. 1334], it was agreed that merchants of Coventry should be quit of murage.

Fo. ccxxvii.

*Custodia Ric'i
fil' Laur' le
Long.*

Saturday before the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334-5], inquisition taken before Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, Henry de Secheford, the Chamberlain, and the Aldermen, as to the property owned by Richard, son of Laurence le Long, a minor, by the oath of William de Toppesfeld, Walter le Mareschal, William de Waltham, William le Cotiller, John de Pelham, Richard de Wyslingham, Richard de Lutone, Robert le Chaundeler, Gregory le Cordewaner, William de Passefeld, William de Shirbourne, and Alan de Wyght.

The property, as found by the jury, was delivered by Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, Richard de Hakeneye, John de Caustone, John de Hynxstone, Anketin de Gisors, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, to Simon Marz, goldsmith, in trust for the said Richard until he should come of age. Sureties for the said Simon, viz., Nicholas le Clerk, Richard Sprot, Nicholas de Dunstaple, John de Ydeshale, John le Perler, and Robert de Herlawe.

Fo. ccxxvii b.

*Custodia Rog'i
fil' Thome de
Berkynge.*

Saturday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332], the guardianship of Roger, son of Thomas de Berkinge, aged twelve years, and of his property committed to Nicholas de Wyrllingworth, goldsmith, by Gregory de Nortone, Nicholas de Farndone, John de Caustone, John Priour, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen. Sureties, viz., Richard Denys and John de Mallinge.

¹ The finding of the jury is set out in 'Memorials,' p. 194.

Afterwards, viz., on Friday after the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1333], it was adjudged by John de Prestone, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farn-done, Reginald de Conduit, John Priour, and Henry de Seche-ford, Aldermen, that the above guardianship should be cancelled, for that the said Roger, son of Thomas de Berkyng, was dead, and John de Hynxstone and Geoffrey le Merourer, who had married the sisters of the said Roger, came and acknowledged satisfaction for all legacies under the will of Thomas de Berkyng accruing to them on the death of the said Roger.¹

Writ *alias* to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen of the City that they allow merchants of Spain to pass quit of murage, pavage, and pontage. Witness the King at Wyndesore, 28 Oct., 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1331].

Fo. ccxxviii.

The above writ was allowed to merchants of Spain by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, as touching the payment of murage in the City, in the Husting on Monday after the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1331-2].²

*Allocacio facta
mercatoribus
Ispanie de
muragio.*

Deed of grant by Edmund, son of Walter Crepyn, to John de "Yakeslee," the King's tent-maker (*pavilonarius*), of a certain mansion³ situate in the parishes of St. Peter de Cornhull, St. Benedict Fynk, and St. Martin de Oteswych, in the Wards of Cornhull and Bradestrete, secured by a bond of statute merchant. Witnesses, Hugh de Waltham, John Poyntel, William de Manhale, Henry de Norhamptone, William Deer, Peter le Coffrer, Walter Muriel, Ralph le Chaundeler, John de Totenham, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named]. Dated Sunday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam, viz., 10 May, 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].⁴

Fo. ccxxviii b.

*Convencio int'
Edm' Crepyn
et Joh'm de
"Yakesle."*

Indenture of defeasance of a bond in £50 entered into by Walter Cok in favour of William Cros and Alice his wife, on

Fo. ccxxix.

¹ Here follows an extract from the will of Thomas de Berkyng, which was proved and enrolled in the Husting in January, 1332. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 371-2.

² The writ, &c., printed from the Letter-Book by Delpit ('Collection

Générale des Documents Français qui se trouvent en Angleterre,' pp. 61, 62).

³ This mansion occupied the site of the present Merchant Taylors' Hall in Threadneedle Street (Riley).

⁴ 'Memorials,' pp. 183-5.

Indentura int'
Will'm Cros
et Walt'm Cok. condition of the payment of an annuity of 40s. 8d. Dated 12 March, 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-3]. Witnesses, Hugh de Waltham, Walter de Stebenhuthe, William le Plomer, William Kenewy, John Clerk, and others [not named].

Fo. ccxxix b. *Account of Henry de Seccheford, the Chamberlain of the Guildhall, rendered in the month of July, A.D. 1332, before Nicholas de Farndone and Reginald de Conduit, Aldermen, and John de Dallynge, junior, John Prior, junior, and Richard de Welleford, commoners, auditors appointed by the Mayor and Commonalty in the Husting for Common Pleas held on Monday after the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], the year aforesaid, to hear the account and make due allowance, viz., from Friday the Feast of SS. Peter and Paul [29 June], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1330], to the Feast of the Nativity of St. John Bapt. [24 June], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332], that is to say, for two years less five days.*

The particulars comprise money received for enrolment and discharge of apprentices, for admissions to the freedom, divers rents, &c.

The following names are recorded, viz.: Thomas Eme, William, son of John de Kelseye, David de Kyngestone, brewer, John, son of Richard de Brayneford, Robert Saleman, "flouremongere," Walter de Athewyk, Thomas, son of Adam le Dorturer, Richard Cake, Robert de Huntyngdon, butcher, William de Langeford, clerk, Hugh Vicaries, John de Combe, Walter, son of Henry de Place, Richard, son of John de Middeltone, John de Wantenge, Margery, wife of Roger de Rokesle, Nicholas Sprot, "batour," and Pressa the washerwoman (*lotrice*).

Sum total of receipts for the said two years £266 11s. 6d.

Fo. ccxxx. The expenses comprise payments of fees to Gregory de Nortone, the Recorder, Hugh de Waltham, the Common Clerk, John de "Ilford," Clerk of the Chamber, and William de "Iford," the Common Serjeant; presents made to Sir Geoffrey Lescrop, John de Eltham, the King's brother, when guardian of England, Master Henry de Cliff, the Chancellor's deputy, and to

the Bishop of Norwich; expenses incurred at the Guildhall, boat hire of the Chamberlain, the repair of the houses and wharf of St. Botolph, and money paid to Simon de Swanlond to meet expenses incurred at the coronation of Queen Philippa, anno 3 Edward III.

Sum total of expenditure—£258 8s. less one halfpenny.

Deed of acquittance by Robert de Keleseye for the payment of the whole of the rent due for a term of years for a tenement in the parish of St. Benedict de Shorhog demised by the said Robert to Richard de "Nichole" and Elizabeth his wife. Dated Saturday the Feast of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

*Scriptum Ric'i
de Lincoln'.*

ijs. vjd.

Bond entered into by Roger atte Sole, "corder," and Cristiana his wife in the sum of 80 marks in favour of Nicholas de Newcastle, "feliper," of London, and Isabella his wife. Dated Saturday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 19 Edward II. [A.D. 1325-6]. Witnesses, Arnold le Chaundeler, John Wylemyn, Simon de Kydemenstre, John Cotekyn, William Amys, Thomas de Spayne, Gregory de Fuleham, John de Neuburi, Thomas de Haveringe, Robert de Barsham, and others [not named]. And the aforesaid women *forisaffidaverunt*,¹ etc.

Fo. ccxxx b.
*L'ra obligator
f'a Nich'o de
Novo Castro
per Rog'm atte
Sole.*

ijs. vjd.

Indenture of defeasance of the above bond on condition that the said Roger and Cristiana maintain a chantry in the church of St. Bennet Gracechurch out of the issues of property lying in the parish, for the souls of the said Nicholas and Isabella and of Richard de Histone, late husband (*Baron*) of the said Isabella. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.], 17 [*sic*] Edward II. Witnesses *ut supra*.

*Indentura
int' eosd'.*

ijs. vjd.

Writ to the Sheriffs for the election of two citizens to represent the City at a Parliament to be held at York on Friday before the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.] next, inasmuch as many important matters affecting the Crown had happened since the last Parliament at Westminster.² Witness the King at York, 20 Oct., 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].

Fo. ccxxxi.

*Breve pro Par-
liamento apud
Ebor'.*

¹ Cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 191, where two leases are recorded in which the wives of the respective lessors are described as having formally surren-

dered (*concessit et forisaffidavit*) their term.

² Sat from 9th to 12th September.

Fo. ccxxxi b.

Scriptum Burneti Guill'm per Rog'm de Wedone.

ijs. vjd.

Assignment by Roger de Wedone, saddler, and Isabella his wife to Burnet Guillim de Luka, spicer, of London, of a lease of a house, &c., in the parish of St. Stephen, Walbrook, granted to the said Roger and Isabella by John atte Chaumbre, "blader," guardian of William, son of Geoffrey de Medelane; to hold the same for a term of twelve years, at an annual rent of 33s. 4d. Dated 24 Sept., A.D. 1332.

Fo. ccxxxi.

Allocacio facta mercator' de Luca de muragio.

Writ to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and collectors of murage, pontage, and pavage in the City of London that they allow Bonacursi Balbani, Guido de la Chocha, Aldebrand Marescalli, Baudin Gentil, "Kellum Dannas," and Pagan Busdray, and their fellow-merchants of Luca in the land of Tuscany (*in terra Tusie*), to pass with their merchandise quit of murage, pontage, and pavage, according to the terms of the charter granted to foreign merchants by the King's grandfather.¹ Witness the King at the Tower of London, 29 March, 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].

The above writ and charter having been examined by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Gregory de Nortone, Benedict de Fulsham, Reginald de Conduit, John de Caustone, Richard de Hakeneye, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, it was granted to the aforesaid merchants and their fellow-merchants of Luca that they should thenceforth be quit of murage in the City.

Custodia Stephani Godwyne.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Laurence [10 Aug.], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332], the guardianship of Stephen, son of Thomas Godwyne, aged ten years, committed by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Chamberlain to Stephen de Hoddesdone. Sureties for the said Stephen, viz., John de St. Edmund, Henry de Norhamptone, John de Brendewode, and Thomas Leg'.

Custodia Math'i fil' Thome le Barb'.

The guardianship of Matthew, son of Thomas le Barber, aged twelve years, committed by Henry de Secheford, the Chamberlain, to John de Drayton, saddler, for a term of seven years, by way of an apprentice. And the entrance of the apprenticeship of the said Matthew appears in the White Paper among apprentices in the Ward of Bredstrete, the sixth year aforesaid.

¹ Referring to the "Carta Mercatoria" or "Statutum de Nova Custodia" of 1303. See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 245n.

Be it remembered, that John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, and the Aldermen demised to John Vyncent, clerk, the issues of murage in the City, anno 5 Edward III., for £109; also the same, anno 6, for £126 13s. 4d., on condition that, if it should happen that any companies of foreign merchants should in the meanwhile be exonerated from payment of murage, allowance should be made in his ferm.

Sum total, £235 13s. 4d.

Out of which there were paid divers sums for presents at the sitting of the Parliament by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, viz., to the King, the Queen, the Earl of Cornwall, the Earl of Lancaster, the Chancellor, the Treasurer, the Bishop of Ely, Sir Hugh de Courtenaye, Sir John de Beauchamp, Sir Richard de Bury, Sir Henry Lescrop, Sir Geoffrey Lescrop, Sir William Herle, Sir John de Stonore, Thomas de Lincoln, and their fellows, amounting to £126 11s. Also for a present bought and sent to Sir Robert de Morlee at Stebenhuth, £10 10s. 4d.

Sum total of expenses, anno 5, £136 11s. [*sic*].

Also to Henry de Combemartyn and Simon Fraunceys for Roger Chauntecler, £40; to Henry de Seccheford and Edmund Cosyn for repair of the City wall and tun, £40; for wine sent to the Chancellor and Treasurer, anno 6, £16; to Richard de Prestone for the work of the Guildhall Chapel, £14 12s.; to Master Thomas de Canterbury, a mason, for the said work, £6 17s.; to Master William de Harlee, a carpenter, for the same, 20s. and 37s. 2d.; to a messenger bearing letters of the Duke of Brabant, by advice of the Aldermen, 40s.; to Thomas le Porter, carrying letters to Staunford for Thomas de Chigwelle, 10s.; to John de la Rokele for freestone (*libera petra*) for the aforesaid chapel, 5½ marks; also allowed to the above John Vyncent for the franchise conceded to divers merchant strangers, £20.

Sum total of expenses, anno 6, £146 9s. 6d.

Received by Richard de Prestone, anno 5, for divers expenses incurred by a tournament in Chepe, £88 12s.

Item, Tuesday before the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], anno 6, the said John de Pulteneye lent to the Mayor and Commonalty for the repair of the Guildhall 10 marks, and to John de Caustone for the ditch at Alegate 22s., in the presence of John de Prestone, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Gregory de Nortone, John de Caustone, Henry de Seccheford, Adam Pykeman, Robert Swote, Thomas de Chetyngdone, and other citizens.

Fo. ccxxxiii.

*Dimissio mura-
ragii ad fir-
mem a vii^o.*

Lease by the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty of the City to John Vincent, clerk, of the issues of murage in the City for one year from the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332], for the sum of £113 6s. 8d., charged with the payment of the sum of £92 and 22 pence due to John de Pulteneye for business touching the City. Dated in the Chamber of London, Sunday the Feast of St. Luke [18 Oct.], the year aforesaid.

*L'ra missa
apud Amyens
sub sigillo
Maioratus pro
feodo Maior
London'.*

Letter from John de Prestone, the Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City to the Mayor, Echevins, and Commonalty of the town of Amyens, reminding them that merchants of their town as well as of the town of Corbie and Nele were in default of the annual ferm of 50 marks to Nicholas de Farndone, Richard de Betoyne, John de Grantham, Simon de Swanlond, and John de Pulteneye, former Mayors of the City, and urging payment of the same, lest the said merchants lose their franchise.¹ Dated 18 Nov. [A.D. 1332].

*Dimissio bal-
live de Suth-
werk facta
Roberto Flam-
bard.*

Tuesday the morrow of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1333], the bailiwick of the vill of Suthewerk granted by John de Prestone, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, Gregory de Nortone, Reginald de Conduit, John Priour, and Benedict de Fulsham, Aldermen, and Henry de Seccheford, Alderman and Chamberlain, to Robert Flambard; to hold to ferm for 18 marks as it had been held by William de Burgh.

¹ Under an agreement made between the City of London and the merchants of Amiens, Corby, and Nesle in 1237 the latter were to be allowed certain commercial privileges on payment of an annual ferm of 50 marks to the

City. 'Liber Cust.', i. 64-66; cf. 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' pp. 29, 66. The same letter will be found enrolled among 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 2, membr. 1 dors.

Sureties for the said Robert, viz., Robert de Mordone, William de Braughinge, "stokfissmongere," and Osbert de Bray.

Tuesday after the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-3], the guardianship of William, son of Geoffrey de Medelane, committed by the Mayor and Aldermen to Henry de Moncoi. Sureties for the said Henry, viz., Walter Neel, Michael Mignot, and Walter Turk, who bound themselves before Nicholas de Farndone and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen.

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*Custodia
Will'i fil'i
Galfridi de
Medelane.*

Bond in the sum of £20 entered into by Robert de Keleseye in favour of Richard de "Nichole" (Lincoln), "felmongere." Dated Saturday the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

*Scriptum Ric'i
de Lincol' per
R. de Kelles.*

Letter from John de Prestone, Mayor, to Galeraus¹ de Vaus, bailiff of Amyens, acknowledging receipt of letters patent by the hand of John Grymant, praying that notice might be given to "Driex" or "Drieux" (*i.e.*, Andrew) Audeluie of his having been elected "grantz compteres" of the town of Amiens, and that he be requested to come and take up the office.² Notice had accordingly been given to the said Driex, who had replied that his goods had been arrested at Ipswich, but that as soon as he could get possession of them he would hasten to take up his office. Dated under the seal of the Mayoralty, 18 Nov., A.D. 1322 [*sic*].³

Be it remembered that whereas among certain liberties which King Edward III. granted to the citizens of London in the first year of his reign⁴ it was granted that the said citizens should

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¹ Cf. Delpit (*op. cit.*, p. 63), where the name of the Bailiff of Amiens is given as "Galeran" de Vaux.

² These letters patent, addressed to the lords and justices throughout the realm of England and dated "le Jour des Mors," A.D. 1332, are recorded among 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 2, membr. 2.

³ Recorded also among 'Pleas and Memoranda,' Roll A 2, membr. 1 dors.,

where the date is correctly given as 1332.

⁴ Charter granted with the consent of Parliament, and dated 6 March, 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1326-7]. From the charter granted to the burgesses of Oxford in 1229 by Henry III. it appears that the citizens of London had long enjoyed the right of Infangenthef by prescription. 'Liber Custumarum,' ii. 672.

have Infangenthef¹ and Outfangenthef² and the chattels of felons of all those who shall have been adjudged before them within the liberty of the City aforesaid, and of all who, being of the liberty aforesaid, are to be adjudged at the gaol of Neugate; pursuant to which grant deliveries have been made before the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen at the Guildhall of prisoners taken with the mainour (*cum manu opere*³) at the suit of divers persons as appears below, &c., and those who were convicted were hanged at the King's gallows, viz., at "le Elmes," near Tybourne:

*Delivery of "Infangenthef" at the Guildhall before Richard de Beton', the Mayor, Richard de Rothynge and Roger Chauntecler, Sheriffs, Robert de Swalclive, John de Oxon', Hugh de Gartone, and Richard Costantyn, Aldermen, Friday next after the Feast of Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327].*⁴

John "in the Hale" de Reynham attached at the suit of Roger Child, "taillour," with the mainour of a surcoat and hood, of which he had robbed the said Roger at Ismongerslane, in the Ward of Cheap, on Saturday the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 20 Edward II. [A.D. 1326], and he [Roger] finds pledges for prosecuting the felon, viz., Salomon le Coffrer and William de Segrave, "armurer." The accused puts himself [on the country]. The jury comes by William Furnival and others on the panel [not named], who say on oath that the aforesaid John is guilty of the robbery aforesaid, and the mainour (*manu opus*) aforesaid is appraised by them at 10 pence. Therefore by judgment of the Court he is remitted to prison until the Preparation (*usque Parasceven*⁵) next ensuing by way of penance (*causa penitencie*), and then to be flogged and set at liberty.

¹ A privilege granted to the lord of a manor of judging a thief taken within his demesne.

² The privilege of a lord of a manor to bring before his own Court a man dwelling within his demesne, but taken for a felony outside the manor.

³ That is to say, taken with the stolen goods in their hands (*in manu*). In the Anglo-Saxon law a thief so

taken was said to be "hand-habend," or "having in hand," and was liable to summary execution.

⁴ All the cases of Infangenthef here recorded as being of the first year of Edward III. are also recorded (with others) in 'Roll of Pleas and Memoranda,' A 1, membr. xvi (19).

⁵ Good Friday.

Delivery of "Infangethef" at the Guildhall before the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, Saturday after the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], the year aforesaid.

Robert le Milleward, attached at the suit of William Prentiz, "fullere," with the mainour of divers pieces of cloth found and stolen in the Ward of Queenhithe, viz., surcoats, coats, and divers other clothes of the value of 40s., on Thursday before the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], the year aforesaid, came before the said Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, and, being asked how he would acquit himself, defends the robbery and all felony and everything that is contrary to the peace of the lord the King, and for good and ill puts himself on the country. The jury comes by Ralph de Berkewey, John de Kent, "dye-gher," Robert le Girdeler, William le Keu, William le Forester, Richard le Chaundeler, William le Brewere, Adam le Dyegher, William de Bleyves, Gilbert le Sherman, Richard Maistre, and Robert de Portecemouthe, who find the said Robert guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangethef at the Guildhall before the said Mayor and Sheriffs, Robert de Svalclive, Anketin de Gisors, Hugh de Gartone, Richard Costantyn, John de Prestone, and John Poyntel, Aldermen, Saturday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], the year aforesaid.

Alan de Suttone, Peter de Pelham, and John de Wynchelse attached at the suit of Robert de Dohen for a robbery committed in the Ward of Castle Baynard on Wednesday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], the year aforesaid, of the sum of £40 belonging to his master Sir Robert de Fenes, Knt. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Thomas de Shene and William de Maisshebure, fishmongers. Being asked how they would acquit themselves, they say they are in no wise guilty, and for good and evil put themselves on the country. The jury comes by John Tornegold, William Monamy, Ralph de Blithe, Richard Deny, Laurence Albyn, Alexander de Honylane, Peter de Sevecaumpe, Adam de Karlel, William de Kent, "tillere," Walter le Heymongere, William de Chelre, and Adam de

Petertone, who find the accused guilty. Therefore [let them be] hanged. Chattels none.

Fo. ccxxxiv b. *Delivery of Infangethef at the Guildhall before the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen, Monday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327].*

Laurence, son of John de Felsted de Lenne, and John, son of Herbert Unro de Lenne, attached at the suit of Thomas de Combe for a robbery committed on Friday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam, the aforesaid year, of three bushels of woad of the value of 6s. at "le Stonwharf." Pledges for the prosecution, viz., John de Belyngham and Thomas de Kent, "portour." When charged before the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen the aforesaid John, son of Herbert, says he is a clerk.¹ Therefore he is remitted to prison until the next gaol delivery of Neugate. And the aforesaid Laurence says that he is in no wise guilty and puts himself on the country. The jury comes by John Genge, John le Hosiere, Laurence le Taillour, Robert atte Cokke, Walter Gayspore, Henry le Freynsshe, John de St. Saviour, Robert Gregori, John Maii, John le Hurer, William de Wymondeswold, and Peter de Mordone, who find the said Laurence guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangethef at the Guildhall, Thursday in Pentecost week, anno 1 Edward III.

William Owyas attached with the mainour of a mazer cup (*ciphi de mucro*) worth 10s. taken out of the custody of Thomas de Braye, servant of Gilbert de Moredone, in Bridge Ward, on Sunday the Feast of Pentecost [31 May], 1 Edward III. [A.D. 1327]. Pledges for the prosecution, viz., William de Braughyng and John de Wodeford. The accused acknowledged the felony. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

¹ In other words, he claimed "benefit of clergy," whereby, in the event of his being found capable of reading

like a clerk, he would be remitted to the jurisdiction of the Ordinary.

Delivery of Infangethef at the Guildhall before Simon de Swanlond, Mayor, Richard le Lacer and Henry de Gisors, Sheriffs, Gregory de Nortone, Richard de Hakeney, Henry de Seccheford, Thomas de Leyre, Anketyne de Gisors, Nicholas de Farndone, Aldermen, Monday the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], 3 Edward III. [A.D. 1329].

Alice Littleglenne, of co. Leices., attached on Sunday before the Feast of St. Edmund the King [20 Nov.], the year aforesaid, at the suit of John Myles de Smethefeld, with the mainour of two women's robes, three mazer cups (*ciphi de mazero*), and other goods and chattels of the said John of the value of 100s., which goods she feloniously took at Westsmethefeld in the Ward of Farndone Without. The said Alice says that she cannot deny the robbery. Therefore [let her be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangethef at the Guildhall before Simon de Swanlond, the Mayor, the Sheriffs, and Aldermen, Tuesday after the quinzaine of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 4 Edward III. [A.D. 1329-30]. Fo. ccxxxv.

Walter atte Vigne de Hatfeld taken at the suit of John Odyerne, butcher, with the mainour of 12s. 9d. in money numbered and three silver spoons worth 3s. belonging to the said John, and feloniously taken in Estchep on Sunday after the quinzaine of the Purification aforesaid. Pledges for prosecution, viz., Thomas de Bury and William Knyght, "bochers." The said Walter says he is in no wise guilty, and for good or ill puts himself on the country. The jury comes by Adam de Canefeld, Henry le Rous, Richard Casse, John Blod, John Edward, Simon Baudry, Boydin Fader, Thomas de Canefeld, John atte Gate, John de Mortone, Thomas Fraunkeleyn, and "Drugo" Sharpe, who find him guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of "Infangenthef" held before the Mayor and Aldermen on Monday after the octave of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 5 Edward III. [A.D. 1330-31].

William le Neve de Lenne, Richard le Rous, and Adam de Houndesdicke attached at the suit of Ralph de Boys, servant of

John de Westone, with the mainour of a grey horse, worth 46s., belonging to his master, which they feloniously took outside Bisshopsgate on Saturday the Feast of the Purification aforesaid. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John de Prestone, goldsmith, and William de Banneby, "hosiere." The said William, Richard, and Adam put themselves on the country for good and ill. The jury comes by John Bryd, Geoffrey le Whytawyere, John de Waltham, Godfrey le Brewere, Thomas de Hakeneye, William atte Forde, Henry Beaumont, Thomas le Gardiner, John Wysman, John Heryng, Thomas le Brewere, Richard de Swanlond, and Richard le Heymongere, who say on oath that[ends abruptly].

Delivery of "Infangenthef" made in the Guildhall on Friday after the Feast of the Epiphany [6 Jan.], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-1333], before John de Prestone, Mayor, Nicholas Pyk and John Husebond, Sheriffs, Gregory de Nortone, Henry de Combemartyn, William de Caustone, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen.

Hugh Bled attached at the suit of Geoffrey Cosyn with the mainour of a silver cup worth half a mark, which he feloniously took in the parish of St. Mary Magdalen de Eldefisshestrete on Sunday after the Feast of the Circumcision [1 Jan.], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-3]. Pledges for the prosecution, viz., John de Leylond and John de Waltham, "keu."¹ The accused puts himself on the country. The jurors, viz., Elyas de Wodebere, William le Haftere, senior, Hugh le Taillour, John de Petirtone, Walter Cady, Thomas de Baldok, Gilbert de Fulham, John Sprot, John de Draytone, William de Harewe, Robert le Hore, and Richard de Berdefeld, say on oath that the said Hugh is guilty. Accordingly judgment that he be hanged, &c.,² and let the said Geoffrey recover his cup, because at his suit, &c. Chattels of the said Hugh none.

FO. CCXXXV b. Writ to the Mayor that he permit burgesses of Ipswich to be quit of murage according to the terms of the charter granted to

¹ Cook or pie-baker.

² *Ideo ad iudicium S^o, etc.*

them by King Edward II.¹ Witness the King at Wodestoke, 8 May, 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].

The above writ and charter having been read in the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday after the Feast of St. John ante portam Latinam [6 May], the year aforesaid, it was granted that the said burgesses should thenceforth be quit of murage in the City.

*Allocacio facta
Burg' Gippe-
wyci de
muragio.*

Precept to the Sheriffs to produce the body of Henry de Patemere before the King at Westminster on Saturday after the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May] next ensuing out of Neugate prison to answer a charge brought by Margaret, late wife of William de Rokehall, of having feloniously killed her husband at Royston² (*apud crucem roesiam*).

*Precept' fact'
vic' quod ha-
beant corp'
cujusdam
imprisonati.*

And because the above precept was contrary to the franchise of the City and contrary to the estate (*contra statum*) of the aforesaid prison it was not executed.

Friday before the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord [25 Dec.], 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334], it was agreed by Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, John de Pulteneye, John de Prestone, Gregory de Nortone, Henry de Combemartyn, John de Oxon', Richard de Hakeneye, John de Caustone, Henry de Gisors, Richard le Lacer, Richard de Rothinge, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and a great Commonalty assembled at the Guildhall, that the sum of £20, lately lent by Thomas de Holdene, "brewere," to the Commonalty, should be repaid out of the residue of the money collected and to be collected for the armed force last sent to Scotland to assist the King.

*De £xx sol-
vend' Thome
de Holden'.*

Afterwards, viz., on Monday before the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], it was agreed by Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, John de Grantham, Gregory de Nortone, John Hamond, Richard le Lacer, Henry de Combemartyn, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and the Commonalty, that the sum of £10, lent by Richard Gubbe, fishmonger, to the Commonalty *temp.* John de Pulteneye, Mayor,

*De £x solvend'
Ric'o Gubbe.*

¹ Dated at Westminster, 30 May, 10 Edward II. [A.D. 1317]. A transcript of the charter is set out

supra, fos. lxx b-lxxii. Cf. *supra*, p. 85.

² Co. Herts.

for the expenses of Reginald de Conduit and his fellows attending the Parliament at York, should be repaid by John de Tiffeld and his fellow-collectors of taxes in the Ward of Bredstret.

Fo. ccxxxvi.

*L'ra sigillo
communitatis
consignat' ad
assignand'
ho'ies in Par-
liament' apud
Ebor'.*

Letter from John de Prestone, Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty under the Common Seal to the King, notifying the appointment of Richard de la Pole, Thomas de Chetingdone, and Henry Monquoi, or two of them, to attend the Parliament to be held at York on Friday before the Feast of St. Nicholas [6 Dec.].¹ Dated 27 Nov., 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].

Letter from John de Prestone, Mayor, and the Aldermen to Richard de la Pole praying him to give counsel and aid to Thomas de Chetingdone and Henry Monquoi, who were about to represent the City in Parliament in conjunction with himself. Dated 27 Nov.

A similar letter made to the above Thomas de Chetingdone and Henry Monquoi the same day.

A similar letter to Richard de Rothinge, Richard le Lacer, and Roger de Forsham, 18 May, for the Parliament at York² the morrow of the Ascension [25 May], anno 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

*Carta Ric'i
Calewar per
d'um Reg'.*

Letters patent granting to Richard Calewar the annual rent of £10 which the citizens of London paid as a fee ferm for the vill of Suthwerk; to hold the same for life. Dated at York, 15 Dec., 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].

Fo. ccxxxvi b.

*Scriptum
Regin' de
Colonia.*

ijs. vjd.

Grant by William Trug, girdler, to Reginald de Colonia of 5 marks annual rent issuing from a brewhouse held by William atte Spence in the parish of St. Mary de Aldermannebury towards the discharge of a bond in the sum of £6. Witnesses, William de Braughinge, Martin Waleys, William de Nasyngge, and others [not named]. Dated the morrow of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].

*Dimissio kaii
Sc'i Botulphi.*

Record of the wharf of St. Botolph having been demised by John de Prestone, Mayor, the Aldermen, and Commonalty to Richard, son of Hamo Godchep, for a term of seven years from

¹ The Parliament sat from 2 Dec. to 11 Dec. For writ for election *vide supra*, p. 271.

² This Parliament sat from 26 May to 3 June.

Midsummer, 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1333], for a certain debt of £70 and half a mark due from the Commonalty of London to the said Hamo, and other sums due from the same to the said Hamo as well as to William de Ware and John Dode, late Chamberlain of the Guildhall. The said record enrolled in the Husting for Pleas of Land held on Monday the morrow of St. Mark [25 April], the aforesaid year, John Hosebond and Nicholas Pyk being Sheriffs.

Letters patent appointing John de Cantebrigge and John de Prestone, the Mayor, to be Justices for gaol delivery of Neugate. Witness the King at Knaresburgh, 13 Nov., 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].

Fo. CCXXXVII.

*Comissio
gaole de
Neugate.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London notifying the above appointment, and commanding them to produce before the said Justices all prisoners in the gaol of Neugate (except those detained for disobedience and rebellion against the King) and their attachments. Witness the King at Knaresburgh, 13 Nov., 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they allow citizens of Rochester to enjoy their chartered liberties. Witness the King at York, 27 Jan., 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-3].

*Allocacio facta
civibus Roff'
de muragio.*

The above writ having been read before John de Prestone, Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, Henry de Secheford, and other Aldermen [not named], on Thursday after Ash Wednesday [18 Feb.], the year aforesaid, as well as the charter to the said citizens by King Henry [III.], and confirmation of the same by the present King, granting them immunity from stallage and murage, it was allowed that they should be quit of murage in the City of London, &c.

Deed of acquittance by William Michel and Katherine his wife, relict and executrix of William Prodhome, fishmonger, with the assent of Roger de Biernes, Henry Prodhome, John de Triple, and William de Foleham, her co-executors, for all property due to the said Katherine under her late husband's will.¹ Witnesses, Roger de Ely, Richard Gubbe, Robert de

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*Scriptum
Will'i Michel
et Katherine
ux' eius.*

ijs. vjd.

¹ The will was dated 16 Sept., 1330, and proved and enrolled in the Husting in July, 1331. See 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 367.

Ely, Walter Turk, John de Bixle, John de Denham, John de Ware, and others [not named]. Dated 23 Jan., 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-3].

The above deed acknowledged before Nicholas de Farndone, Alderman, and Henry de Secheford, the Chamberlain, Monday the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-3].

*Commissio
Wynton'.*

Letter under the Common Seal from John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, and the whole commune (*communa*) of the City of London to the Stewards, Bailiffs, &c., of Winchester Fair, notifying the appointment of Ralph de Uptone, Richard de Berkinge, John de Dallinge, Thomas de Farnham, and William de Henhamstede as the City's attorneys at the said Fair. Dated 14 Aug., 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334].

*Item attornati
ibidem a se-
quenti.*

A similar letter made for Richard de Welleford, Maurice Turgiz, Thomas de Cantebrigge, and Thomas de Farnham, 12 Sept., anno 9.

Fo. ccxxxviii.

*Script' Will'i
Michel et
ux' eius.*

ijjs. vjd.

Grant by Roger de Biernes, Henry Prodhome, John de Triple, and William de Foleham, executors of William Prodhome, fishmonger, to William Michel and Katherine his wife, relict of the said William, that they shall peaceably enjoy the property devised to the said Katherine by her late husband. Witnesses, Roger de Ely, Robert de Ely, John de Denham, John de Ware, John de Bixle, Nicholas Madefrey, William de Bixle, and others [not named]. Dated 23 Jan., 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-3].

*Carta Will'i
Pikerel.*

At the Husting of London for Common Pleas held on Monday after the Feast of St. Barnabas [11 June], 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1333], came William Pikerel, saddler, and brought the King's charter, which he caused to be read before John de Prestone, the Mayor, Nicholas de Farndone, John de Pulteneye, John de Grantham, Benedict de Fulsham, Henry Darcy, Gregory de Nortone, John de Caustone, Anketin de Gisors, Richard de Betoigne, Robert le Bret, William de Caustone, John Hautayn, and Henry de Secheford, Aldermen, and the Commonalty, the said charter notifying that the said William Pikerel was not to be put on any assize or jury, nor to be called upon to serve as Mayor, Escheator, Sheriff, Coroner, or other

officer, and being dated at "Twedemouthe," 10 May, 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1333]. By writ of Privy Seal.

Indenture of grant by Robert, son of Michael Tholosan, to William Tythinglomb, poulterer, of the reversion of certain shops in the parish of St. Mildred in the Poultry, situate near the tenements of Richard de Hoddesdone and William de Fourneys, let for a term of years to the said William by Walter Bret and Juliana his wife; the reversion of the said shops being vested in the said Robert after the decease of the aforesaid Juliana his mother. Witnesses, William de Pountfreit, John Brid, Nicholas Ponge, Richard le Heymongere, John Scot, Adam de St. Alban, Robert atte Folde, John Amys, clerk, and others [not named].

Fo.
ccxxxviii b.

*Indentura int'
Rob'm Tholo-
san et Will'm
Tythinglomb.*

ijs. vjd.

Writ to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer bidding them cease to exact the New Custom¹ on the merchandise of John Wylot and others [not named] if it should be proved that they are (as they declare themselves to be) in lot, scot, and geld (*geldo*²) in all the City's burdens. Witness the King at York, 25 Jan., 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-3].

Fo. ccxxxix.

*Br'e pro Joh'e
Wylot' pro
libertate sua
et alior' socior'
suor' allocand'
in Scaccario.*

Acquittance by Robert Freshfish, called "de Stoktone," fishmonger, and Johanna his wife, daughter of Cambin Fantini, called "Spayne," of Florence, with the assent of Cambin Fulbert, the tutor, curator, and administrator of the children of the said Cambin Fantini, named respectively John, Boniface, Margery, Isabella, Johanna, Sabine, and Cristiana, to Nicholas Guillim and Guy de la Choche, executors of the said Cambin

*Acquietancia
exce' test'i
Cambini Fan-
tini per Rob'tm
Freshfisse.*

ijs. vjd.

¹ See 'Cal. Letter-Book C,' p. 117 n.

² The distinction between "lot" and "scot"—a much-vexed question—is thus defined in a later Letter-Book: "Omnis liber in lotto, quod est officio, et scotto, quod est contribucione taxarum et aliorum onerumparticeps existere tenetur" (Letter-Book I, fo. clvii b). Dr. Gross ('The Gild Merchant,' vol. i. p. 54 n.) infers that the term "scot and lot" was used vaguely to indicate pecuniary

charges of all kinds. He also gives instances of the term being varied, as here, with the addition of "geld" or "gild," which also signifies a payment or tax. The question what is meant by "paying scot" was debated by counsel before the Court of Aldermen in 1719, when the Court came to the conclusion that the term meant "a general contribution to *all* public taxes." Repertory 123, fo. 242.

Fantini, for money due to the said Robert and Johanna under the will of the said Cambin. Dated 24 July, A.D. 1333.

Fo. ccxxxix b. Grant by Richard Sprot, "batour," son of William Sprot, to
Scriptum Ric'i Sprot. Margaret, wife of the said William Sprot, of an annual rent of 26s. 9d. in respect of her dower of tenements and rents belonging to her late husband in the street and parish of St. Stephen de Colemanstrete, and formerly belonging to Thomas, son of Geoffrey Merre; to hold the same to the said Margaret for life. Witnesses, John de Pulteneye, Mayor, John Husebonde and Nicholas Pyke, Sheriffs, Roger de Depham, John de Hardingham, John de Shirbourne, John Kyng, Philip Gentille, Richard de Bottele, William Pope, Roger le Wyrdrawere, William de Berkhamstede, William de Stebbenhuth, and others [not named]. Dated Friday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].

Letter from John de Preston, the Mayor, and the Commonalty of the City to the Stewards, Bailiffs, &c., of the Fair of St. Botolph, notifying the appointment of John de Grantham, Benedict de Fulsham, Henry Darci, Andrew Aubrey, Thomas de Swanlond, John Hamond, Bartholomew Deumars, William de Cave, Richard de Lyncoln, Michael de Caustone, John de Eynesham, Thomas de Wyncestre, junior, William de Braughyng, Ralph de Lenne, and John Lovekyn, as the City's attorneys at the said Fair. Dated ... June, 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1333].

Fo. ccxl.

*L're Ducis
Brabancie.*

Letter from the Duke de Brabant to John de Prestone, Mayor of London, urging him to use his influence to get London merchants to traffic with Antwerp, and promising them every protection. Dated at "Bruxelle," the morrow of St. Matthew, Ap. [21 Sept.], [A.D. 1333].

*L'ra eiusdem
Ducis patens.*

Letters patent of John, Duke of Lothaire, Brabant, and Lymburg, to merchants of London and the realm of England, inviting them to come and trade with Antwerp, and promising them every protection. Dated at "Bruxelle," the morrow of St. Matthew, Ap. [21 Sept.], A.D. 1333.

*L'ra co'itatis
Antwerp.*

Letter from the Provost (*Scultetus*), Consul (*Anmannus*),¹ Echevins, and other Consuls (*Consules*), of the town of Antwerp,

¹ Or *Anmanus*; "prætor causarum civilium vel Consul" (Migne).

to John de Prestone, Mayor of London, and the rest of the governors and consuls of the City, urging them to induce English merchants, who (the writers were given to understand) had no fixed market (*nullum certum locum tenent cum eorum staplo*), to come to Antwerp with their merchandise, where they would enjoy every protection; so that the friendship which had existed between the two countries from of old might remain firm and established in the future. Dated the morrow of SS. Remigius and Bavo [1 Oct.].¹

Reply from John de Prestone, Mayor of London, to the Provost, Consul, Echevins, &c., of the town of Antwerp, acknowledging the receipt of their letter on the 14th October by the hand of Simon la Wayte, which he had communicated to his fellow-citizens and other merchants in the City. [No date.]

Fo. ccxl b.

L'ra sub sigillo Maioratus missa apud Antwerp.

Writ to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and collectors of murage in London, bidding them allow certain foreign merchants, viz., Nadde de Manne, Seigneue Baldesis, Ricche Mey, Francis Venture, Lot Jacobi, Peter Bartholomeu, Simon "Biouns," John "Biens," Nicholas Dyne, Francis Bonanti, and Elen Missi, merchants of Lombardy, to be quit of murage, pontage, and pavage, according to the franchise granted to merchant strangers and foreigners by the King's grandfather.² Dated at York, 22 Feb., 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1333-4].

Allocacio de muragio.

Inasmuch as it appears by inspection of charters of the lord King Edward, formerly King of England, grandfather of the lord the King that now is, viz., the third after the Conquest, granted to merchant strangers for certain payments and customs granted to the said lord the King and his heirs for ever on their goods and merchandise brought or to be brought into the realm of England, that they, their heirs and successors, should

Allocacio muragii.

¹ The fact that Philip of Valois had declared his determination to help the Scots against Edward had induced the latter to promote a reconciliation with the Count of Flanders, an ally of the French king. To this end a treaty had been arranged on the understand-

ing that all seizures on either side should be given up and free commercial intercourse between the two countries established. Rymer, 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 869; Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 377-8.

² Cf. *supra*, p. 272 n.

be quit of payment of murage on their goods and merchandise, it was granted by the Mayor and Aldermen to John Cambyn of Florence, Jacob Bartoly of Florence, "Fachicio" de Sene,¹ Bartholomew de Sene, Ambrose de Sene, Ascelin Simonetti de Luca, merchants, that they and their fellows be thenceforth quit of payment of murage on their goods and merchandise in the City of London, according to the terms of the aforesaid charters.

The above grant made on Tuesday before the Translation of St. Thomas [7 July], 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334].

Fo. ccxli.

Record of the will of William Delle having been proved and enrolled in the Husting of London for Pleas of Land held on Monday the morrow of St. Luke [18 Oct.], 32 Edward I. [A.D. 1304].²

The above will was delivered to Helewysia, widow and executrix of the said William Delle, in the presence of John de Prestone, the Mayor, John de Pulteneye, and others [not named], on Friday the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 7 Edward III. [A.D. 1332-3].

Delivery of Infangenthes made before John de "Polteneye," Mayor, William de Brykelesworth and John de Northhall, Sheriffs, Reginald de Conduit, Henry Darcy, Henry de Coumbemartyn, John de Oxon', John de Caustone, Richard de Hakeneye, John Hamond, Simon Fraunceys, Richard Costantyn, Richard de Rothying, William de Caustone, Walter de Mordone, and Nicholas Crane, Aldermen, on Friday before the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

John, son of Robert Peny, and Richard Ford de Tauntone taken at the suit of Thomas de Debenham, "skynnere," with the mainour of a fur of "Bevre" and two furs of budge (*bugeto*) worth 20s., which they had feloniously taken in the parish of St. Pancras in the Ward of Cheap on Tuesday after the Feast of All Saints [1 Nov.], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336], whereof he

¹ Sienna.

² 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 165.

appeals them.¹ Pledges for prosecution, viz., Richard de Hibernia, "taillour," and William Marchaunt, "nedelere." The said John and Richard say they are in no wise guilty of the felony, and put themselves on the country for good and ill. The jury comes by Philip le Barber, Thomas de Messyngham, "taillour," Thomas de Lincoln, "peleter," John de Oxon', "peleter," Robert de St. John, Henry de Ware, Ranulf de la Marche, "taillour," John del Barnet, "girdeler," Thomas Hauteyn, Geoffrey de Wynhecoumbe, Roger Sauvage, armourer, and Henry de Shawe, who say on oath that the said John and Richard are guilty. Therefore [let them be] hanged. Chattels none.

Delivery of Infangenthes taken before John de Pulteney, the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of the said City on Friday before the Feast of the Purification B. M. [2 Feb.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1336-7].

Fo. ccxli b.

John le Whyte de Cauntebrigge, "skynner," taken at the suit of Geoffrey Punte de London, mercer, with the mainour, viz., of rings of gold and silver, pearls, linen thread, bracelets (*braccal'*), tablets, and other goods and chattels to the value of 100s., feloniously taken by night from his shop at the corner of St. Laurence Lane in the Jewry on Friday before the Epiphany [6 Jan.], the aforesaid year, and for burglary of his shop (*de burgar' shope*), of which the said Geoffrey appeals him. Pledges for prosecution, viz., John atte Barnet and Richard le Mirourer. The said John says that he is in no wise guilty, and puts himself on the country for good and ill. The jury comes by Philip Gentil, Roger de Astwod, Thomas Potyn, Nicholas de Reygate, Stephen le Cotiller, William de Grubbelane, William de Nasyng, Walter le Wayte, Simon de Herlawe, Richard le Mirourer, John Wygod, and John Russel, who say that he is guilty. Therefore [let him be] hanged.² Chattels none.²

¹ A felony was at this time a crime which could be prosecuted by an "appeal," that is to say, by a charge which the accuser was ready to support by wager of battle. Pollock and

Maitland, 'History of English Law,' ii. 464, 570.

² Printed in 'Memorials' (pp. 195-196), with the omission of the names of the jurors.

Delivery of Infangenthes made in the Guildhall before Sir John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, and the Aldermen on Saturday before the Feast of St. Dunstan [19 May], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337].

Desiderata de Toryntone taken at the suit of John Baret de Bydene, co. "Barkshirie," for a robbery of silver plate, of the value of £40, belonging to Dame Alice de Lisle (*de Insula*), his mistress, in the hostel of the Bishop of Salisbury in Fletestrete, whereof he appeals her. Forty dishes and twelve salt-cellars were found upon her (*super ipsam*). Pledges for prosecution, viz., William de Toppesfeld and Reginald de Thorpe. The accused says she is not guilty, and puts herself on the country for good and ill. The jury comes by Walter atte Slogh, Simon le Armourer, William de Waltham, William Deveneys, John atte Belle, Gilbert atte More, Thomas de Northhalle, John Elys, Geoffrey Lefhogge, Robert Pycard, Richard Rofot, and Thomas de Banham, who say on oath that the said Desiderata is guilty. Therefore [let her be] hanged. Chattels none.¹

Fo. ccxlii.

Forma assessor' xvme in London'.

The form prescribed for assessment in levying the fifteenth granted by the Parliament held at Westminster the morrow of the Nativity B. M. [8 Sept.], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332].²

Fo. ccxlii b.

The form of procedure to be followed by deputy-assessors in levying the above tax.

Admiss' Joh'is de Shirbourne in co'em cl'i-cum civitatis.

Monday the Feast of the Decollation of St. John Bapt. [29 Aug.], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], John de Shirbourne elected Common Clerk of the City by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, and sworn, he to receive the sum of £10 per annum for his trouble.

Custodia Henr' et Thome fil' Joh'is de Bricheford.

Thursday before the Feast of St. Martin "in Yeme" [11 Nov.], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], came Alice, widow of John de Bricheford,³ goldsmith, into the Chamber of the Guildhall, before Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone and Anketin de Gisors, Aldermen, and Henry de

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 196, where the names of the jurors are again omitted. For continuation of deliveries of Infangenthes see Letter-Book F, fos. ccxvii *et seq.*

² Printed in 'Rot. Parl.,' ii. 447.

³ His will dated in October, 1334, and enrolled in the Husting a twelve-month later. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 406.

Seccheford, Alderman and Chamberlain, and acknowledged that she had received the goods, chattels, &c., bequeathed to Henry and Thomas, sons of the said John de Bricheford, in trust for them during their minority. Sureties, viz., Robert de Wyke, goldsmith, Robert de Herlawe, "sadelere," and Stephen le Frensshe.

Be it remembered that on Friday the octave of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], Nicholas de Abyndone was elected Serjeant of the Chamber of the Guildhall by the Mayor and Aldermen, and sworn, &c., he receiving 40s. per annum for his service.

Fo. ccxliii.

*Admissio
Nich'i de
Abyndone in
servientem
Camere.*

Be it remembered that at the Husting held on Monday before the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335-6], Thomas de Maryns, apothecary, was elected Chamberlain of the Guildhall by the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, and sworn, &c., he receiving £10 per annum for his trouble.

*Admiss' Thome
de Maryns in
Camerar'.*

Writ of certiorari to the Mayor and Sheriffs touching the right of Burellers of Candelwykestrete¹ to exercise their craft in the City without becoming members of the Weavers' Guild.² Witness the King at Carlisle, 28 July, 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

*Breve pro
Telar' Lon-
don'.*

Letter under the Common Seal from Reginald de Conduit, Mayor, and the Commonalty of the City of London, to the Stewards, Bailiffs, &c., of the Fair of St. Botolph,³ notifying the appointment of John de Grantham, John Hamond, Andrew Aubry, Thomas de Swanlond, William de Cave, Bartholomew Deumars, Richard de Lincoln, William de Braughyng, and Michael de Caustone, as the City's attorneys at the Fair. Dated 5 Aug., 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

Fo. ccxliii b.

*Commissio pro
Nundinis Sc'i
Botulphi.*

¹ *Vide supra*, p. 172n.

² For further proceedings *vide infra*, pp. 296-298.

³ Held at St. Botolph's town (*i.e.*, Boston, co. Linc.).

The account of Henry de Seccheford, the Chamberlain of the Guildhall, rendered on Monday the eve of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335], before John de Caustone and Ralph de Uptone, Aldermen, John de Dallynge and Richard de Weleford, Commoners, appointed by the Mayor and Commonalty on Saturday before the Feast of SS. Philip and James [1 May], the aforesaid year, to audit the said account and make allowances due, viz., from the Feast of Nativ. St. John Bapt. [24 June], 6 Edward III. [A.D. 1332], up to the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula, anno 9, that is to say, for three years, five weeks, and two days.

Among the receipts are sums of money for rent of St. Botolph wharf and for a fine paid to the Sheriffs by Ralph de Coventre, cordwainer.

Sum total, £326 9s.

Fo. ccxlv.

The expenditure comprises fees paid to Gregory de Nortone, the Recorder, Hugh de Waltham, and others; presents sent to the Duke of Brittany and the Archbishop; and the sum of £19 6s. 10½d. expended on the Guildhall.

Sum total, £318 17s. 1¼d.

Pleas held before Reginald de Conduit, Mayor, John de Pulteneye, John de Grantham, Gregory de Nortone, Andrew Aubry, John de Caustone, Richard le Lacer, Ralph de Uptone, and Henry de Seccheford, Aldermen, and John de Hynxtone, Sheriff, Monday after the Feast of St. Andrew [30 Nov.], 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334].

*Processus de
Will'o de
Mordone.*

William de Mordone, "stokfisshmongere," attached to answer a charge of having broken a sequestration made upon his goods by John de Ry, serjeant of Walter Turk, one of the Sheriffs, for refusing to pay the amount at which he was assessed for providing an armed force to go to Scotland for the King. The accused could not deny the charge, and was therefore committed to prison, &c., until he should have paid fine according to custom. Thereupon the Mayor and Aldermen were forthwith informed that the aforesaid William de Mordone had

declared on a certain day that before he would pay the aforesaid assessment made for the good of the lord the King and of the City he would secure forty men who were prepared to drag the better and wealthier men of the City from their houses and have them decapitated outside. Being asked how he would acquit himself, the said William declared himself not guilty and put himself on the country. A jury accordingly summoned, and in the meanwhile the said William is committed to prison, &c. On a day appointed the jury comes by Adam Lucas and others [not named] on the panel, &c. Thereupon the said William acknowledged the charge and put himself on the mercy of the Mayor and Aldermen. He is therefore committed. Afterwards he made fine of 100s. for breaking the sequestration, by mainprise of Robert Swote and Adam Lucas, and was delivered in bail (*in ballium*) to Robert Swote, Adam Lucas, John de Mockynge, Alan Gille, Ralph de Lenne, John de Croydone, John Turk, Henry Monqoi, John Wrotham, Robert Hakeneye, William Box, and Henry Wymond to produce him from Husting to Husting to hear judgment, &c.

Pleas held before R[eginald] de Conduit, Mayor, the Aldermen, and the Chamberlain of the City on Friday before the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], 8 Edward III. [A.D. 1334].

Fo. cexliv b.

Information given to the said Mayor, Aldermen, and Chamberlain by Walter de Mordone, the next friend of the children of Paulin Turk, that John de Comptone, fishmonger, to whom the guardianship of the said children had been committed, inasmuch as he had married the widow of the said Paulin¹ and mother of the said children, had wasted their property, and left the City. Thereupon precept to Peter de Hungrie, Serjeant of the Chamber, to summon the said John to appear on Friday before the Feast of St. Lucia [13 Dec.], to render an account, on which day the said Peter testified that the said John could not be found and had no property in the City whereby he

*Processus de
Will'o de
Bronne pro
pueris Paulini
Turk.*

¹ Her name appears to have been Emma. See the will of Paulin Turk proved and enrolled in the Court of

Husting in November, 1325. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 317.

could be attached. Thereupon precept for the appearance of William de Bronne, ironmonger ("ferron"), and William de Prestone, "woder," who were sureties for the said John, to show cause why the sum of £21 13s. 4d., the property of the said children, delivered upon their surety, should not be levied on their goods and chattels. The Serjeant made return that he had duly summoned William [de] Bronne by Henry de Ware and Bartholomew le Cotiller; and William de Prestone by Robert le Treyere and Geoffrey de Wyntertone, but on the day named they failed to appear. Accordingly an order *distringas* against Tuesday next after the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.]. On their again failing to appear, an order *distringas per magnam districtionem*¹ against Friday next, the process being continued until Friday after the Feast of St. Gregory [12 March], 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1334-5]; on which day they came and said that they were not bound to answer because the aforesaid John de Comptone had recently been attached and committed to Newgate until released by mainprise of Gilbert Cros, "pessonner," and John de Boseworth, senior, and they claimed to be released from their mainprise. The Court not being satisfied, they made further answer to the effect that there were only two surviving children of the said Paulin, named John and Elena,² and as to their legacies the Chamberlain had, at the suit of Walter de Mordone, levied a sum of money on certain tenements held in London by the said John de Comptone by the courtesy of England (*per curialitatem Anglie*), and had taken the said tenements into the City's hand, and they pray that this money be taken into account. These statements the Chamberlain denies, and both parties demand a jury. The jury comes by Richard de Herkstede, John Gubbe, Robert le Shether, Richard Cas, Richard Turk, Simon Fenn, John atte Hill, Stephen Talp, Roger de York, John Ruddoke, Robert de Derby, and Robert le Ropere, who say on oath that the Chamberlain had made no such levy, nor had taken into the City's hand the tenements of

¹ This distress extended to all goods and chattels belonging to the party distrained found within the county.

² Two other children are mentioned in the will of Paulin Turk enrolled in the Husting, viz.: Peter and Christina.

John de Comptone; but they say that John, son of Paulin Turk, has (*inter alia*) a certain house in St. Clement's Lane of the yearly value of 16s., and another house in St. Botolph Lane of the yearly value of 8s., subject to a debt of 10s. due to John atte Hulle. Judgment given to the effect that the Chamberlain cause the money due to the said children to be levied on the goods and chattels of the mainpernors aforesaid, except the sum of 31s., concerning which *curia vult consuli*.

Afterwards, viz., on Monday after the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1335-6], came the aforesaid William de Prestone and William [de] Bronne and paid £6 16s. 8d. in respect of the legacies to John "Poul" [*sic*] and Elena his sister, the surviving children of the aforesaid "Paul," to Walter de Mordone as their next friend, the said Walter finding sureties, viz., Simon de Mereworth, Thomas de Wynchestre, William de Braughynge, and Thomas de Sewel.

Writ for the election of two representatives of the City to attend a Parliament to be held at Westminster on Monday after Sunday in mid-Lent.¹ Dated at Berwick-on-Tweed, 22 Jan., 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335-6].

Lease by William, son of William de Gartone, late mercer, to Robert de Hecham, mercer, and Sabine de Gartone his wife, mother of the lessor, of tenements in the parish of St. Antonin, situate near the tenements of Simon Corp and Richard de Betoynes; to hold the same for a term of seven years at an annual rent of 2 marks. Witnesses, William de Caustone, William de Elsynge, Nicholas atte Mersshe, Nicholas de Grenewyche, John de Strode, and others [not named]. Dated Christmas Day, 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

Letters patent from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty under the Common Seal to the King, notifying the election of Henry de Secheford and Thomas de Chetyngdone to attend the Parliament at Westminster on mid-Lent Sunday. Dated 9 March, 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1335-6].

Fo. ccxlv.

*Manucaptor
Walt'i de
Mordon' pro
bonis pueror'
Paulini Turk.*

Fo. ccxlv b.

*Br'e Reg' pro
Parlamento.*

*Convencio int'
Rob't de Hecham
merc' et ux'm
eius et Will'
fil' Will'i de
Garton'.*

sol. ijs. vjd.

*De civibus
miss' ad Par-
liamentum.*

¹ Commonly known as "Mothering Sunday," from the custom of visiting parents on that day. The

Parliament sat from 11 to 20 March. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 378 n.

Fo. ccxvi.

*Commissio pro
xv^a Regi con-
cessa anno x^o.*

Letters patent addressed to the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, Bailiffs, and Commonalty of the City, notifying the appointment of William de Caustone and William Haunsard as collectors of the fifteenth and tenth granted in the last Parliament. Witness the King at Waltham, 6 April, 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

*Acquietanc'
Ankel' de
Gisors et Rob'ti
Swote nup'
custod' Pont'
London'.*

A general release granted by John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, Aldermen, and the rest of the citizens to Anketin de Gisors and Robert Swote, late Wardens of London Bridge. Dated 16 Dec., 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

Fo. ccxvi b.

Writ to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer to the effect that the Mayor and Commonalty of the City had complained that whereas they had paid the King the sum of 1,100 marks in respect of the City's portion of the fifteenth lately granted by the Commons of the realm, and had afterwards willingly offered 500 marks towards the war in Scotland, the said Treasurer and Barons, falsely pretending that the Mayor and Commonalty had made fine to the King in the above sums, had demanded from them 110 marks in respect of the fifteenth and 50 marks in respect of the war to the use of Philippa, the Queen Consort, by way of Queen's gold.¹ This being unjust, the said Treasurer and Barons are ordered to withdraw the demand. Witness the King at the vill of St. John,² 1 July, 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].³

*Script' Abb'is
et convent' de
Leycestre per
Will' Marchal
et ux'm eius.*

ijs. vjd.

Quitclaim by William le Marchal de London and Mary his wife to the Abbot and Convent of St. Mary Pre (*de Pratis*), near Leicester, of a messuage and shops in Smethefeld. Witnesses, Andrew Aubrey, William "of the castel," Philip Dikeman, Simon Nicol, Richard atte Gate, Henry Bonmarchee, Geoffrey atte Chirche, and others [not named]. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

Fos. ccxlvii-
ccxlvii b.

Writ to the Mayor and Sheriffs that they inquire into a complaint made by the Weavers of London against Burellers of Candelwykestrete for exercising their craft without being

¹ See 'Cal. Letter-Book D,' p. 246 n.² Perth.³ Another copy of the writ is recorded *infra*, p. 300.

members of the Weavers' Guild, and that they do therein what is right in conformity with chartered rights. Witness the King at Carlisle, 28 July, 9 Edward III. [A.D. 1335].

*Recordum et
processus
placiti inter
Telarios et
Burellar'.*

Thereupon came Edmund de Saumford and others of the craft of Weavers and complained of Richard de Manworth, Thomas de Sewell, Laurence de Sonynghulle, and John Morice, Burellers of Candelwykestrete. A day given, and both parties appear and are heard. The Burellers declare that they are not Weavers, but freemen of the City, and as such are entitled to carry on any trade or mistery; that they have servants, viz., John Beneyt, John atte Stone, John Halfpound, and Stephen le Leche, apprentices in the craft of Weavers and in their Guild, who are prepared to do all that behoves them as members of the Guild. The aforesaid Edmund and the rest plead their charter (as before) to the effect that no one in the City or in Suthewerk should meddle with the Weavers' craft unless a member of the Guild, under penalty prescribed, and as the said Burellers acknowledged that their servants meddled with the craft they were acting contrary to the charter. A further day given, when the Weavers produced the King's writ addressed to the Mayor and Sheriffs bidding them forthwith to make a return of all proceedings in the matter to the Chancellery, as previously commanded. The writ dated at Waltham, 10 April, 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336]. *Ideo loquela sine die.*

Afterwards, viz., on Friday the Feast of St. Alphege [19 April], the Burellers produced another writ addressed to the Mayor and Sheriffs, bidding them to continue their inquiry into the dispute that justice might be the sooner done. Writ dated at the Tower, 15 April.

Pursuant to the said writ, precept was given by the Mayor and Sheriffs to Nicholas de Abyndone, the Serjeant, to summon the parties for a certain day, on which day the Burellers came, but the Weavers made default, therefore let them take nothing, but be in mercy for a false claim, &c.

And because the aforesaid Edmund and the others sought to monopolize the craft of weaving cloth in the City, the Mayor,

Fo. ccxlviii.

Sheriffs, Aldermen, and other of the more discreet men of the City, after grave consideration, ordained that thenceforth it should be lawful for all and singular freemen of the City to set up instruments and looms (*utensilia*¹) in their hostels and elsewhere, and to weave cloth and sell the same at their will, saving to the King his yearly ferm, and this in spite of any claim by the said Edmund and other Weavers to contravene such ordinance.

Fo. ccxlviii b. Letter of Geoffrey de Say, "Ameraille" of the lord the King from the mouth of the Thames as far as the parts of the west, in favour of John Pope, who was about to take his ship called "Cokjohan," laden with wool, to Flanders. Dated at Berlynge,² 12 Aug.

*L'ra Galfre'i de
Say Admirall'
d'ni R^e con-
cessa Joh'i Pope
marinar', etc.*

*Br'e de lanis
neque pell'
lanul' non
carcand' ultra
mare.*

Writ to the collectors of the custom on wool, hides, and woolfels in the port of the City of London, bidding them, for certain perils that were threatening, to keep the King's seal, known as the "Coket"³ and used for the collection of custom dues in the said port, in some safe place under lock and seal, and not to allow any wool, hides, or woolfels to leave the port under any pretext. Witness the King at the vill of St. John, 12 Aug., 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].⁴

*Ordinacio pro
placeis apud
les Stokkes.*

Be it remembered that on Monday the Feast of St. Mary Magdalen [22 July], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336], it was agreed and granted by Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, John de Grantham, John de Prestone, John de Oxon', John Hamond, Richard le Lacer, Gregory de Nortone, John de Caustone, Richard de Hakeneye, William de Caustone, Ralph de Uptone, Simon Fraunceis, Richard de Berkynge, Henry de Seccheford, John Hauteyn, Walter de Mordone, Andrew Aubry, Henry Darci, and Richard Costantyn, Aldermen, William Haunsard, John de Mockynge, Nicholas Pyke, Walter Turk, Roger de Ely, Henry Sterre, John Leche, Adam Brabazon, Adam Lucas,

¹ A loom, as well as other necessary articles of the house, came to be known as "utensil." Lat. *utensile*, Fr. *ustil*, *ustilement*, or *hustilement*. See Glossary 'Liber Cust.', s.v. *ustilementz*.

² Probably Barling, near Rochford, in Essex. Riley, 'Memorials,' pp. 194, 195.

³ *Vide supra*, p. 253 n.

⁴ Printed in Rymer's 'Foedera,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 943.

John Turk, Hugh de Mockynge, Reginald de Thorp, Michael Mynot, John Wroth, John Lovekyn, William de Thorneye, Roger de Bernes, Robert Swote, Henry Graspeys, William de Braughynge, John de Ware, Alan Gille, Robert le Ropere, Robert Fresfiss, John de Beltone, Henry Palmere, John de Wrotham, John de Triple, John de Greyland, John de Beltone [*sic*], and Richard Double, and other commoners [not named], for the common weal of the City and the preservation of London Bridge, that all rents appertaining to the said bridge in the place called "les Stokkes" be wholly levied by Walter Neel and Alan Gille, Wardens of the Bridge, any demise by former Wardens to any one notwithstanding, according to the terms of a commission set out and dated Monday after the Feast of St. James [25 July], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].¹

*Commissio
custod' Pont'
pro redd' calli-
gend' apud les
Stokkes.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London for the election of two discreet and powerful citizens to represent the City at a "colloquium" to be held at Notyngnam on Monday after the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] next.² Witness the King at the vill of St. John, 24 Aug., 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

Fo. ccxlix.

*Br'e R' de vo-
luntate Regis
Francie et pro
consilio h'endo
apud Notyng-
ham.*

Return: We send you John de Caustone and Richard de Hakeneye with full power to do for themselves and the Commonalty of the City as in the writ is ordered, &c.

Returnum.

Letters patent under the Common Seal from the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City to the King notifying the above. Dated 18 Sept., 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

*Commissio pro
consilio apud
Notyngnam.*

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, and Commonalty of the City for the election of four of the more discreet and sufficient wool merchants of the City to assist in the business to be transacted by the Prelates, Earls, Barons, and other magistrates of the realm summoned to meet on Monday after the Feast of St. Matthew [21 Sept.] next at

Fo. ccxlix b.

*Br'e R' pro
quatuor mer-
cator' mittend'
apud Notyng-
ham ad con-
siliu, etc.*

¹ Here it is to be noted that the commission bears a later date than the order for its due execution.

² A Parliament sat at Notting-
ham from 23 to 26 Sept. Printed by
Delpit (*op. cit.*, p. 66). Cf. Rymer's
'*Fœdera*,' vol. ii. pt. ii. p. 944.

Notyngnam.¹ Witness the King at the vill of St. John, 1 Sept., 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

Returnum. Return: We send you John de Oxonia, Richard de Hakeney, Henry Wymond, and William de Brikelesworth to do, &c., as in the writ is ordered.

The King to the Mayor, Sheriffs, Aldermen, and the Commonalty of the City, commending to their notice Roger de Swynnerton, whom he was sending to them on important business. Witness the King at the vill of St. John, 7 Sept., 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

A similar letter addressed to the Mayor, Sheriffs, and Aldermen alone.

Another copy of the writ to the Treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer, forbidding them to exact Queen's gold on certain sums paid by the City, and dated from the vill of St. John, 1 July, 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].²

Fo. ccl.

[*Quoddam mem^o
de Tall^{is} et
brevibus lib^{er}al^{iter}
Joh^{ann}i de Har-
dyngnam ad
h^{er}ed^{em} sup^{er}
comp^{os} apud
Ebor^{aciam}.*]

Be it remembered that on Friday before the Feast of the Exaltation of H. Cross [14 Sept.], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336], Thomas de Maryns, the Chamberlain, in the presence of Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, and Gregory de Nortone, the Recorder, delivered to Roger de Depham and John de Hardyngham, clerks to the Sheriffs, two writs, viz., one with the Great Seal and the other with the Privy Seal, for payment to Master Paul de Montefiore (*de Monte Florum*) of 1,100 marks for the fifteenth granted to the King in the eighth year of his reign, and two letters of acquittance of the said Paul, to carry the same to the Exchequer for an allowance to be made for the said money; also a writ of the Great Seal and a writ of the Exchequer for 500 marks for the war and tallies for the same.³

[*Br^{ev}e pro septem
mill^{ibus} et cc ho-
minib^{us} habend^{is}
etc.*]

Writ to the Mayor, Aldermen, and Sheriffs of London for raising and equipping a force of 7,200 men to assist in defending the kingdom against foreigners, pursuant to an order passed

¹ By thus summoning representative merchants to wait upon the Council the King was only reviving "his grandfather's expedient of dealing with the merchants collectively apart from the

Parliament." Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 379.

² Entered *supra*, p. 296.

³ Cf. *supra*, p. 296.

in the great Council at that time assembled at Notyngham (*jam apud Notyngham convocato*).¹ Witness the King at Leycestre, 3 Oct., 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

Precept to Peter de Hungrie, Serjeant, to summon Agnes, widow of Richard de Welleford, who had been appointed guardian of John and Alice, children of the said Richard, on the 4th May, 7 Edward II. [A.D. 1314],² to appear before the Mayor and Chamberlain on Wednesday before the Feast of St. Margaret [20 July] next to answer for the children's estate. On the day named, the said Agnes being reported dead, precept was issued to the Serjeant to summon her heirs, executors, and tenants. Return made that she had no heirs nor executors nor lands nor tenements within the liberties of the City, but a certain Isabella, late wife of Hamo Godchep, a tenant of the said Agnes, had been summoned to appear. On appearing the said Isabella declared that as a tenant she ought not to be responsible, inasmuch as the said Agnes had bound neither herself nor her tenements. The Court thereupon ordered the mainpernors of the said Agnes, viz., William de Furneys and William de Bray, "stokfisshmongere," to appear on Friday after the Feast of St. James [25 July]; on which day came William de Furneys, who testified that William de Bray was dead; the latter's executors were therefore summoned to appear on Wednesday after the Feast of St. Peter ad Vincula [1 Aug.]. Accordingly the said William de Furneys and William, son and heir of the said William de Bray, appeared together with the said Isabella, who asked that the will of the aforesaid Richard might be examined to see whether or no and in what terms the guardianship of the children may have been devised.³ This having been done, the Court adjudges the said

Fo. ccl b.

¹ There is a difficulty here, inasmuch as the Council or Parliament recently summoned to meet at Nottingham is recorded as having only sat until the 26th September. See Stubbs's 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 378n. On the other hand, we find it elsewhere stated that after an excursion into

Scotland the King returned to Nottingham, "where he found his Parliament sitting as he had left them." Barnes, 'History of Edward III.' (1688), pp. 102-104.

² *Vide supra*, p. 26.

³ His will enrolled in the Husting in March, 1313. 'Cal. of Wills,' i. 237.

Isabella to be quit and takes time to consider how the children should obtain satisfaction from William de Furneys and William, son of William de Bray.

Fo. ccli.

Wednesday after the Feast of St. Mark [25 April], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], William del Abbeye, skinner, admitted broker of peltry before Sir John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, Gregory de Nortone, and the rest of the Aldermen, by presentment and assent of Peter de Newcastle, William de Cave, Thomas de Farnham, Richard de Lincoln, Simon de Polham, William le Bowwere, and other good men of the craft of peltry, &c. And the said William was sworn, &c.

*Br'e q'd mer-
candise seu alie
quecumque res
venal' non
ducant' extra
regnum, etc.*

Writ to the Sheriffs of London to make proclamation against the exportation of merchandise and for forwarding provisions and arms to Berwick-on-Tweed, "Strivelyn,"¹ and the vill of St. John,² and elsewhere for the King's use. Witness the King at Leycestre, 2 Oct., 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

Abrocar' jur'.

Wednesday the eve of St. James [25 July], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336], Richard atte Gate, "cordewaner," admitted broker of leather and bazen³ before Reginald de Conduit, Mayor, John de Caustone and Ralph de Uptone, Aldermen, and the afore-said [*sic*] Chamberlain, by presentment and assent of men of the trade of leather and cordwainers. And the said Richard was sworn, &c.

Fo. ccli b.

*Script' Fer-
randi Manion
et ux'is sue
per Waltherum
Mounde.*

Quitclaim by Walter, eldest son of Walter Mounde de Suthewerk, to Ferrand Manion and Margaret his wife of lands, tenements, &c., in the vills and parishes of Bedyngtone and Kersaultone and hamlet of Wodecote, co. Surrey. Witnesses, Richard le Lacer, William le Gauger, Henry le Palmere, John le Gros, John de Whytsand, Alexander de Romeseye, Henry de Snetesham, Thomas de Snetesham, William de Strode, Roger le Barber, Nicholas de Uptone, Crispin le Seeler, Paul le Botiller, and John Renaud, John de Luda, clerk, and many others [not named]. Dated Friday before the Feast of St. Katherine [25 Nov.], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

¹ Stirling.

² Perth.

³ Inferior leather made of sheep-
skins. Gloss., 'Liber Cust.,' s.v.
bazene.

Lease by Thomas de Cantebrigge and Alice his wife to Stephen le Freynssh, goldsmith, and Margaret his wife of a parcel of land situate near the property of Richard de Henneye and William le Plastrer; to hold the same for their lives. Witnesses, Sir Reginald de Conduit, Mayor, William Curteys and John le Clerk,¹ Sheriffs, Richard Denys, Richard de Henneye, William Pykerel, and Robert Herlawe and others [not named]. Dated Monday after the Feast of St. Michael [29 Sept.], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

*Indentur' int'
Steph'm le
Freynssh aur'
et ux'm ejus
et Thom' de
Cantebrigg' et
ux'm ejus.*

Letter under the Common Seal from Reginald de Conduit, the Mayor, and the whole commune (*communa*) of the City to the Stewards, Bailiffs, &c., of the Fair of St. Botolph, notifying the appointment of John de Grantham, Andrew Aubrey, John Coton, William de Cave, John Hamond, Richard de Lincoln, Thomas de Swanlond, Bartholomew Deumars, Michael de Caustone, Thomas de Wynton', and William de Braughyng to be their Wardens and Attorneys at the coming Fair. Dated 5 Aug., 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336].

Fo. cclii.

*Commissio pro
Nundinis Sc'i
Botulphi.*

Writ to the Sheriffs notifying a further prorogation of the Parliament which was originally summoned to meet at York on Monday the Feast of St. Hillary [13 Jan.] last past, and subsequently appointed to meet at the same place at the octave of the Purification [2 Feb.], viz., that the said Parliament meet at Westminster on Monday after the Feast of St. Matthias [24 Feb.].² Witness the King at Westminster, 14 Jan., 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336-7].

*Breve pro
Parlamento
tenend' apud
Westm' anno
xj^o.*

Tuesday the Feast of the Annunciation B. M. [25 March], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1337], proclamation forbidding the exportation of wool until the King's further orders, and granting protection to foreign clothworkers.³

Fo. cclii b.

Writ *alias* to the Mayor and Sheriffs to allow burgesses of Bristol to pass quit of toll, lastage, murage, pavage, &c.

*Br'e pro bur-
gens' Bristol'
de murag', etc.*

¹ Otherwise known as John "de Northhalle."

² Parliament met 3 March.

³ The proclamation was made pursuant to a statute enacted in the

last Parliament (see 'Statutes of the Realm,' i. 280) with the view of imposing an additional custom on wool. Stubbs, 'Const. Hist.,' ii. 380, 526.

Witness the King at Westminster, 18 March, 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1336-7].

Fo. ccliii.

Be it remembered that on Friday after the Feast of St. Martin [11 Nov.], 10 Edward III. [A.D. 1336], came Richard atte Gate, Simon le Mareschal, Simon le Cotiller, Richard de Ledrede, and William de Bolyngbroke before John de Pulteneye, the Mayor, and the rest of the Aldermen, and mainprised Laurence de Dallyngge that he would faithfully serve Master John de Offord, Dean of Arches.

*Amocio me-
remii dat' ad
capell' et petr'
ad eandem.*

Be it remembered that on Thursday after the Feast of Conversion of St. Paul [25 Jan.], 11 Edward III. [A.D. 1336-7], *temp.* Thomas de Maryns, Chamberlain, seventy-six pieces of timber in the Guildhall were removed to the little garden of the Guildhall and placed under the wall adjoining the chamber formerly belonging to John de "Baukewelle." Of this timber forty-six pieces were afterwards used for the repair of the Crepelgate by Richard de Berkyng, Alderman, and Thomas de Maryns, Chamberlain.

The same day there were deposited in the cellar of the Guildhall twenty-three unwrought stones, and many other wrought stones lying in an outhouse (*in logia*) in the said garden were removed to the same cellar.¹

Be it remembered that this book was called the White Book of Memoranda.

¹ 'Memorials,' p. 195.

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